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FOREWORD

The court reorganization movement in North Carolina began in the mid nineteen-fifties and culminated in the adoption of constitutional amendments in 1962 and 1965 and the enactment of the "Judicial Department Act of 1965." Yet, North Carolina's unified judicial system is still relatively young. The year 1972 marks only the second year during which all divisions of the General Court of Justice have operated in each of the State's 100 counties. The Judicial Department consists of an Appellate Division composed of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals (which has been fully operational since 1968), a Superior Court Division and a District Court Division. The system is unified for purposes of jurisdiction, operation and administration. All of the officers and personnel of the Judicial Department are employees of the State.

There are now 7 justices of the Supreme Court, 9 judges of the Court of Appeals, 49 full-time Superior Court judges, 112 District Court judges, 30 district attorneys and 101 assistant district attorneys, 2 public defenders and 7 assistant public defenders (serving in the 12th and 18th judicial districts), 100 clerks of the superior court, approximately 520 magistrates, approximately 125 juvenile counselors (serving in 13 judicial districts), 76 court reporters, and approximately 1,100 supporting personnel (primarily assistants, deputies, secretarial and clerical personnel in the offices of clerks of the superior court).

The Administrative Officer of the Courts is required to "submit an annual report on the work of the Judicial Department" to the Chief Justice and the members of the General Assembly. This *Annual Report* is based upon data supplied by the clerks of superior court on a monthly and quarterly basis. The data contained herein can most appropriately be used in making year-to-year comparisons for the entire system and in comparing the performance of different counties and judicial districts. The data is also the beginning point for independent analysis of the performance of the courts of each county and judicial district. Although caution should be used in generalizing about the performance of the entire General Court of Justice, this report does evaluate the status of the criminal and civil dockets of the Superior and District Court divisions. These evaluations are carefully grounded on the available data base, but they derive from *quantitative* rather than *qualitative* data and are based upon totals for groups of counties rather than a thoroughgoing analysis of each county.

As explained in the foreword to last year's *Annual Report*, most of the year-to-year comparisons in the narrative portion of this report are based upon the 83 counties where the court structure was constant throughout the period of comparison.

The 83 counties that have been within the system for four or more years are referred to as "Group I" and the 17 counties that entered the system on December 7, 1970, are referred to as "Group II."

As discussed at page 24 of the *1971 Annual Report*, there are a number of statistical indicators that may be used in evaluating court performance. There is no single barometer that gives a weighted average of all factors. In the *1971 Annual Report* the superior and district court dockets were examined in terms of what percent the number of cases pending at the end of the year is of the total number of dispositions for the year. This indicator has been given greater emphasis in this year's report since the proportion of cases pending in relation to dispositions suggests a measure of court congestion. The indicator is calculated by dividing the cases pending by the cases disposed of, and is called the "pending ratio."

The statistics contained herein are *case flow* statistics and none are "backlog" or "delay" statistics. This report uses "cases pending" as one unit of analysis, but the term "backlog" will not be found herein and it is inaccurate to apply that term to the cases which are properly described as "pending." A case which is pending may be two days or two years old. "Backlog" may be tentatively defined as those cases which have been pending disposition longer than an agreed upon standard of time for the average case of the same type in the same court. A "delayed" case would be any case which exceeded the agreed upon standard time-frame and such cases could also be described as "backlogged." Even if an agreed upon standard time-frame with supporting data was available, such data could only properly be used (as is the case with the data which is available) as a starting point for analysis.

In any case, the Administrative Office does not now collect data on the length of time required for the disposition of particular cases. This is a deficiency which will be corrected. This office commissioned a special study which was conducted during 1972 with the purpose of determining the amount of time required to dispose of cases in the criminal division of the Superior Court. The results of that study will be available within the next few months. Additionally, this office is now planning for the implementation of a revised and expanded statistical reporting system which will provide information on the length of time it requires to dispose of cases. Both of these projects are being supported with LEAA funds administered by the Governor's Committee on Law and Order.

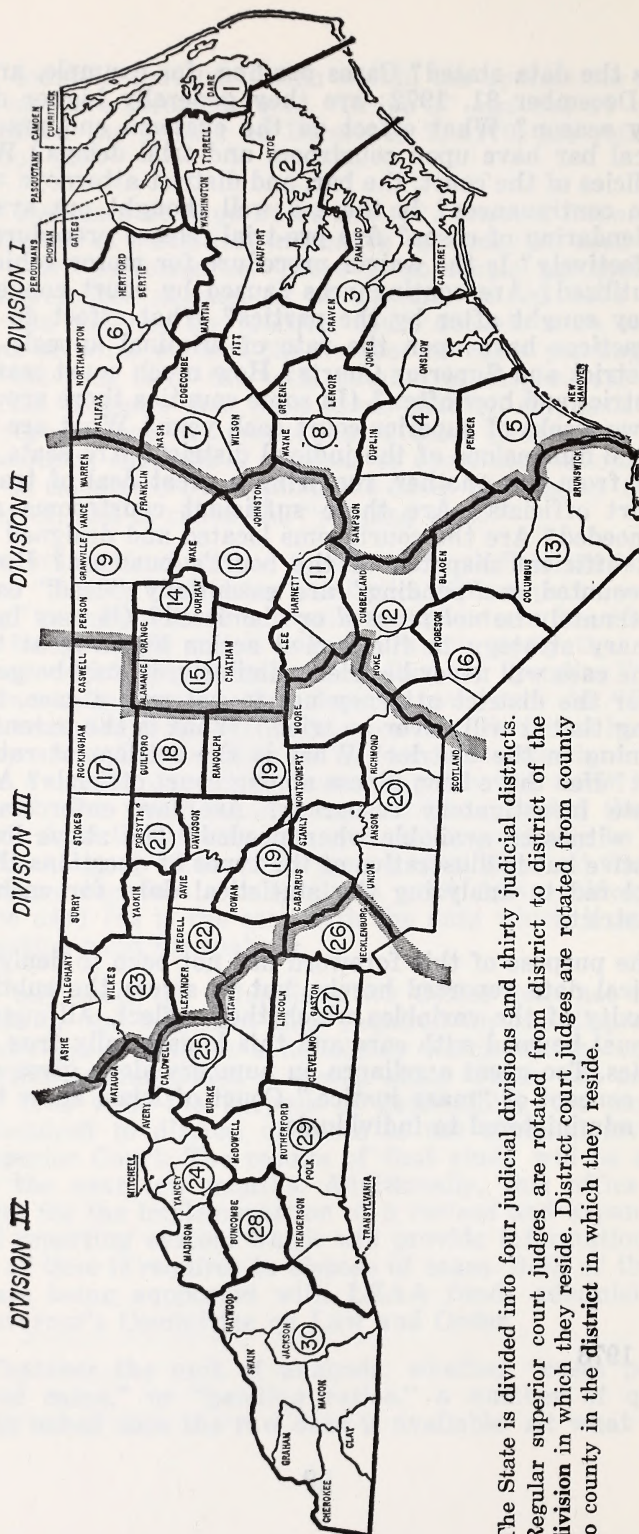
Whatever the unit of analysis, whether "cases pending," "delayed cases," or "pending ratios," a number of questions must be asked once the raw data is available. At what point in

time is the data stated? Cases pending, for example, are stated as of December 31, 1972; are they generally higher during a holiday season? What effect do the customs and practices of the local bar have upon courtroom and trial delays? What are the policies of the court, the bar, and district attorneys with respect to continuances? Is there a well thought out system for the calendaring of cases? Are pre-trial release procedures working effectively? Is the waiver procedure for motor vehicle cases fully utilized? Are continuances caused by court congestion or are they sought after by the parties? What effect do sentencing practices have upon the rate of criminal appeals between the District and Superior Courts? How much court was held in the district and how often? (In some counties there are no more than two weeks of superior court each year.) What are the geographical dimensions of the judicial district? Are seats of court distant from one another, requiring a great deal of travel time by court officials? Are there sufficient courtrooms available when needed? Are the courtrooms located and designed so as to permit efficient dispatch of the court's business? How many cases counted as "pending" are essentially "dead" cases and will ultimately be *not prossed* or dismissed? (It may in fact be customary strategy to file a civil action knowing at the time that the case will never be tried; similarly, it may be good strategy for the district attorney not to *not pros* a case, although knowing that it will never be tried.) What is the extent of plea bargaining in the district? What is the settlement rate in the district? Has there been illness among court officials? Are there adequate investigatory resources? Are law enforcement and expert witnesses available when needed? The above list is not exhaustive but is illustrative of the types of questions that must be explored in analyzing the statistical data for each county and district.

The purpose of this foreword has not been to denigrate the statistical data reported herein, but to stress the subtlety and complexity of the variables which they reflect. All quantitative data must be read with care and this is especially true of court statistics. Too great a reliance on numbers alone gives credence to the concept of "mass justice." Court officials know that justice is administered to individuals.

April, 1973

NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS



The State is divided into four judicial divisions and thirty judicial districts. Regular superior court judges are rotated from district to district of the division in which they reside. District court judges are rotated from county to county in the district in which they reside.

THE APPELLATE DIVISION

THE SUPREME COURT

One hundred and seventy-five opinions were filed by the Supreme Court in 1972. Full opinions were rendered in 172 cases and 3 opinions were *per curiam*. Of the total, 102 were criminal and 73 were civil cases. Seventy-eight percent (80 opinions) of the criminal appeals were affirmed and 47% (34 opinions) of the civil appeals were affirmed. In the remaining cases, the Supreme Court modified the decision from which the appeal was taken. As reported in the North Carolina Reports the court disposed of 228 petitions for *certiorari*, 33 motions to dismiss, 6 motions to rehear, and 4 motions to withdraw.

JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT

Chief Justice

WILLIAM H. BOBBITT

Associate Justices

CARLISLE W. HIGGINS

JOSEPH BRANCH

SUSIE SHARP

J. FRANK HUSKINS

I. BEVERLY LAKE

DAN K. MOORE

Emergency Justices

WILLIAM B. RODMAN, JR.

J. WILL PLESS, JR.

THE COURT OF APPEALS

Seven hundred and seventy-three opinions were filed by the Court of Appeals in 1972. Of these 773, 411 were criminal cases and 362 were civil cases. The court determined and disposed of 341 motions and 427 petitions in 1972.

JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

Chief Judge

RAYMOND B. MALLARD

Associate Judges

HUGH B. CAMPBELL

FRANK M. PARKER

WALTER E. BROCK

R. A. HEDRICK

DAVID M. BRITT

EARL W. VAUGHN

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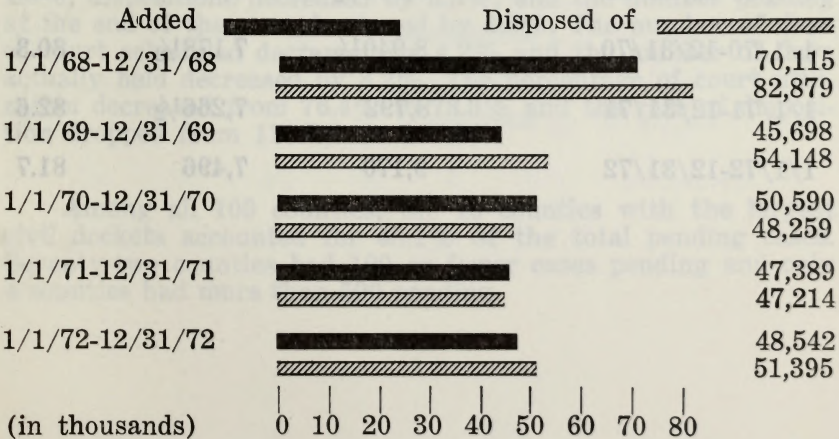
THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

The performance of the superior court division of the General Court of Justice is adequately summarized in the sections on civil and criminal dockets which follow. Only a few items deserve highlighting in terms of the combined civil and criminal dockets. Total filings increased by only 2.5% while dispositions increased by 14.7%, resulting in an 8.3% reduction in the number of cases pending. The number of days of court scheduled increased by 4.7% and was closely followed by an increase of 3.2% in the number of days of court actually held. For all 100 counties the percentage of court utilization remained about the same, dropping by less than 1%. Significantly, the total number of cases pending is the lowest since court reorganization began in 1966.

It is especially encouraging to note that the pending ratio for the criminal division dropped from 50.9 in 1971 to 40.5 this year, and that the ratio for the civil division dropped from 153.1 to 131.3. Extrapolating these ratios, it may be estimated that it would require less than 5 months for the court to dispose of its pending criminal cases and about one year and 4 months to dispose of its civil cases. The improvement over last year is noteworthy, but these time-frames indicate that further improvement is desirable.

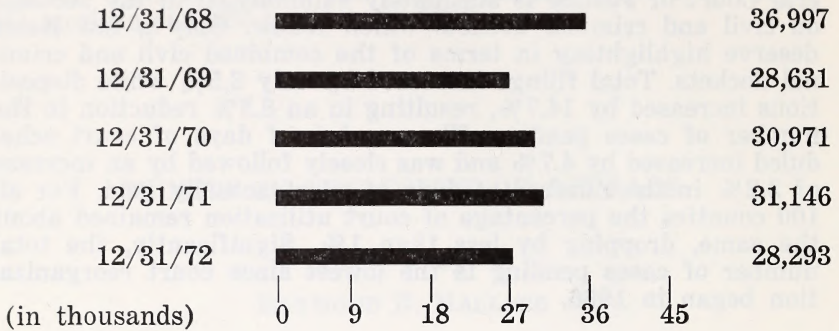
TOTAL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

January 1, 1968 - December 31, 1972



TOTAL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

December 31, 1968 - December 31, 1972



UTILIZATION OF SCHEDULED COURT

January 1, 1968 - December 31, 1972

	<i>Days Scheduled</i>	<i>Days Held</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
1/1/68-12/31/68	9,421	8,042	85.4
1/1/69-12/31/69	9,061½	7,118	78.5
1/1/70-12/31/70	8,940½	7,178½	80.3
1/1/71-12/31/71	8,792	7,266½	82.6
1/1/72-12/31/72	9,170	7,496	81.7

SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL DOCKETS

Court reorganization has had and continues to have a significant effect on the civil dockets of the superior court, the traditional forum for the trial of civil litigation involving large claims. In each of the past six years, dispositions have exceeded filings and the number of cases pending at the end of the year has shown a decrease from the prior year. These statistics are in sharp contrast to the trend which existed prior to court reorganization. In those years, filings continually exceeded dispositions and the number of pending cases was increasing annually. This improvement would be more apparent than real if it has resulted from a simple transfer of the superior court's docket problems to the civil division of the district court. This however, does not appear to be the case for the district court appears to be better able to keep abreast of its civil dockets than does the superior court.

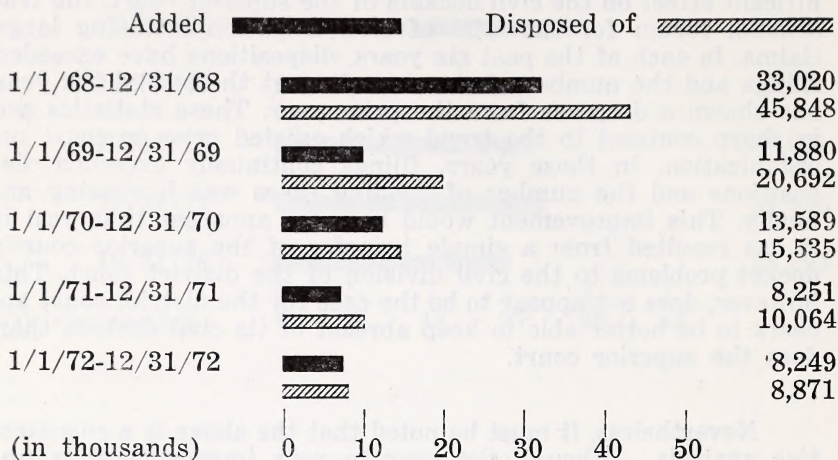
Nevertheless, it must be noted that the above is a *comparative* analysis. Although the year to year improvement is undeniable, such an analysis cannot obscure the fact that there is room for much improvement in the disposition of superior court civil cases. As would be expected, the pending ratio for this division is higher than for any other division of the General Court of Justice. The 1972 ratio is 131.3, indicating that it would require approximately one year and four months for the superior court to dispose of all cases pending. At a minimum, the number of cases pending at the end of the year should be reduced to an amount not in excess of the year's dispositions.

As compared to 1971, civil filings increased by less than 1.0%, dispositions decreased by 5.9%, and the number pending at the end of the year decreased by 5.8%. The number of days of court scheduled decreased by 4.2% and the number of days actually held decreased by 8.2%. The percentage of court utilization decreased from 76.4% to 73.3% and the rate of disposition dropped from 116.7% to 108.8%.

Among all 100 counties, the 10 counties with the largest civil dockets accounted for 48.1% of the total pending cases. Seventy-two counties had 100 or fewer cases pending and only 4 counties had more than 500 pending.

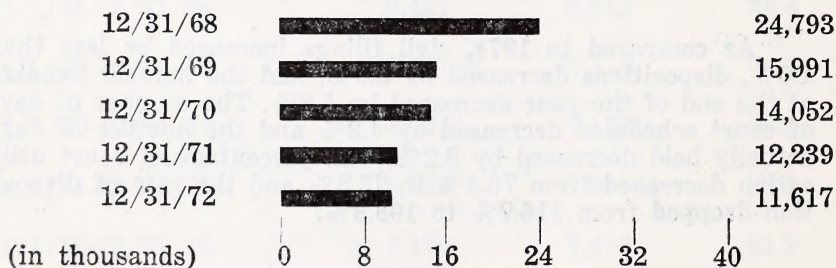
CIVIL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

January 1, 1968 - December 31, 1972



CIVIL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

December 31, 1968 - December 31, 1972



DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CIVIL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

Number of Cases	Less than 50	50-100	101-200	201-500	Over 500
Number of Counties 1971	46	21	19	10	4
1972	42	30	15	9	4

TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CIVIL DOCKETS

County	Pending 1-1-72	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-72	Percent of Filings Disposed of
Mecklenburg	1,454	1,043	1,007	1,490	96.5
Wake	847	514	517	844	100.6
Guilford	587	518	412	693	79.5
Forsyth	589	486	499	576	102.7
Buncombe	437	282	312	407	110.6
Durham	427	212	265	374	125.0
Henderson	351	51	68	334	133.3
Gaston	419	230	322	327	140.0
Franklin	297	63	55	305	87.3
Cumberland	272	218	253	237	116.1
STATE MEAN	122	82	89	116	107.5

**CIVIL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF
IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS
BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS**

January 1, 1972 — December 31, 1972

	Pending 1/1/72	Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/72	Gain or Loss
			Jury	Judge	Other	Total		
<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>								
Camden	18	6	0	3	16	19	5	— 13
Chowan	39	5	0	9	9	18	26	— 13
Currituck	17	8	1	5	5	11	14	— 3
Dare	35	21	2	11	7	20	36	+ 1
Gates	19	1	0	1	3	4	16	— 3
Pasquotank	46	26	2	15	10	27	45	— 1
Perquimans	19	32	1	2	20	23	28	+ 9
TOTAL	193	99	6	46	70	122	170	— 23
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>								
Beaufort	67	47	5	17	15	37	77	+ 10
Hyde	8	5	0	2	0	2	11	+ 3
Martin	28	31	7	13	9	29	30	+ 2
Tyrrell	2	6	0	1	4	5	3	+ 1
Washington	17	14	1	3	7	11	20	+ 3
TOTAL	122	103	13	36	35	84	141	+ 19
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>								
Carteret	92	49	5	19	29	53	88	— 4
Craven	195	440	5	79	419	503	132	— 63
Pamlico	16	7	0	2	4	6	17	+ 1
Pitt	120	78	5	51	17	73	125	+ 5
TOTAL	423	574	15	151	469	635	362	— 61
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>								
Duplin	129	37	0	50	28	78	88	— 41
Jones	14	16	0	9	6	15	15	+ 1
Onslow	159	75	0	32	49	81	153	— 6
Sampson	82	48	2	18	48	68	62	— 20
TOTAL	384	176	2	109	131	242	318	— 66
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>								
New Hanover	158	148	15	51	51	117	189	+ 31
Pender	64	14	0	3	21	24	54	— 10
TOTAL	222	162	15	54	72	141	243	+ 21
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>								
Bertie	33	16	0	7	12	19	30	— 3
Halifax	221	52	7	102	92	201	72	— 149
Hertford	35	23	3	11	14	28	30	— 5
Northampton	36	11	3	15	7	25	22	— 14
TOTAL	325	102	13	135	125	273	154	— 171

	Pending 1/1/72	Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/72	Gain or Loss	
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>									
Edgecombe	22	44	2	21	24	47	19	—	3
Nash	122	118	7	44	52	103	137	+	15
Wilson	164	68	4	25	53	82	150	—	14
TOTAL	308	230	13	90	129	232	306	—	2
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>									
Greene	41	18	0	1	4	5	54	+	13
Lenoir	200	72	13	24	71	108	164	—	36
Wayne	233	112	4	66	63	133	212	—	21
TOTAL	474	202	17	91	138	246	430	—	44
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>									
Franklin	297	63	11	17	27	55	305	+	8
Granville	48	32	4	8	13	25	55	+	7
Person	22	29	1	6	13	20	31	+	9
Vance	80	62	0	11	40	51	91	+	11
Warren	73	11	1	3	8	12	72	—	1
TOTAL	520	197	17	45	101	163	554	+	34
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>									
Wake	847	514	19	233	265	517	844	—	3
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>									
Harnett	377	109	4	62	238	304	182	—	195
Johnston	158	123	20	49	74	143	138	—	20
Lee	87	78	4	32	33	69	96	+	9
TOTAL	622	310	28	143	345	516	416	—	206
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>									
Cumberland	272	218	15	53	185	253	237	—	35
Hoke	23	4	2	0	14	16	11	—	12
TOTAL	295	222	17	53	199	269	248	—	47
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>									
Bladen	22	12	3	7	10	20	14	—	8
Brunswick	147	37	4	3	21	28	156	+	9
Columbus	123	44	4	41	22	67	100	—	23
TOTAL	292	93	11	51	53	115	270	—	22
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>									
Durham	427	212	21	12	232	265	374	—	53
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>									
Alamance	151	116	13	20	86	119	148	—	3
Chatham	48	48	2	25	17	44	52	+	4
Orange	111	180	3	11	74	88	203	+	92
TOTAL	310	344	18	56	177	251	403	+	93

	Pending 1/1/72	Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/72	Gain or Loss	
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>									
Robeson	104	123	4	61	30	95	132	+	28
Scotland	45	19	0	7	35	42	22	—	23
TOTAL	149	142	4	68	65	137	154	+	5
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>									
Caswell	37	7	0	2	32	34	10	—	27
Rockingham	120	91	17	45	44	106	105	—	15
Stokes	27	20	2	7	11	20	27		0
Surry	99	113	12	8	64	84	128	+	29
TOTAL	283	231	31	62	151	244	270	—	13
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>									
Guilford—									
Greensboro	468	406	51	129	133	313	561	+	93
High Point	119	112	13	39	47	99	132	+	13
TOTAL	587	518	64	168	180	412	693	+	106
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>									
Cabarrus	90	86	12	43	23	78	98	+	8
Montgomery	26	21	0	4	17	21	26		0
Randolph	202	104	5	41	54	100	206	+	4
Rowan	64	82	14	21	51	86	60	—	4
TOTAL	382	293	31	109	145	285	390	+	8
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>									
Anson	36	32	3	15	14	32	36		0
Moore	87	60	1	36	11	48	99	+	12
Richmond	85	66	12	34	15	61	90	+	5
Stanly	21	31	4	3	20	27	25	+	4
Union	61	48	12	22	51	85	24	—	37
TOTAL	290	237	32	110	111	253	274	—	16
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>									
Forsyth	589	486	55	271	173	499	576	—	13
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>									
Alexander	12	21	0	5	7	12	21	+	9
Davidson	124	117	5	49	41	95	146	+	22
Davie	33	20	2	12	14	28	25	—	8
Iredell	160	92	15	41	56	112	140	—	20
TOTAL	329	250	22	107	118	247	332	+	3
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>									
Alleghany	9	7	4	2	1	7	9		0
Ashe	11	15	0	7	6	13	13	+	2
Wilkes	65	81	5	19	42	66	80	+	15
Yadkin	52	58	5	15	24	44	66	+	14
TOTAL	137	161	14	43	73	130	168	+	31

	Pending 1/1/72	Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of				Pending 12/31/72	Gain or Loss	
			Jury	Judge	Other	Total			
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>									
Avery	31	16	2	4	11	17	30	—	1
Madison	17	44	1	9	25	35	26	+	9
Mitchell	23	16	1	7	17	25	14	—	9
Watauga	19	21	2	4	7	13	27	+	8
Yancey	38	13	0	3	39	42	9	—	29
TOTAL	128	110	6	27	99	132	106	—	22
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>									
Burke	106	111	50	25	37	112	105	—	1
Caldwell	103	82	7	0	115	122	63	—	40
Catawba	82	92	13	33	41	87	87	+	5
TOTAL	291	285	70	58	193	321	255	—	36
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>									
Mecklenburg	1,454	1,043	52	265	690	1,007	1,490	+	36
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>									
Cleveland	128	89	4	14	83	101	116	—	12
Gaston	419	230	42	131	149	322	327	—	92
Lincoln	50	38	2	23	13	38	50		0
TOTAL	597	357	48	168	245	461	493	—	104
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>									
Buncombe	437	282	22	235	55	312	407	—	30
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>									
Henderson	351	51	5	46	17	68	334	—	17
McDowell	32	20	3	3	21	27	25	—	7
Polk	19	12	0	2	3	5	26	+	7
Rutherford	95	58	5	47	31	83	70	—	25
Transylvania	27	8	1	12	2	15	20	—	7
TOTAL	524	149	14	110	74	198	475	—	49
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>									
Cherokee	21	9	1	0	14	15	15	—	6
Clay	8	4	0	4	1	5	7	—	1
Graham	21	6	0	9	3	12	15	—	6
Haywood	81	35	7	24	28	59	57	—	24
Jackson	43	44	2	13	14	29	58	+	15
Macon	83	35	11	13	7	31	87	+	4
Swain	41	32	0	1	10	11	62	+	21
TOTAL	298	165	21	64	77	162	301	+	3
Group I	10,671	7,032	591	2,614	4,448	7,653	10,050	—	621
Percent			7.7	34.2	58.1	100.0			
Group II	1,568	1,217	120	556	542	1,218	1,567	—	1
Percent			9.9	45.6	44.5	100.0			
GRAND TOTAL	12,239	8,249	711	3,170	4,990	8,871	11,167	—	622
Percent			8.0	35.7	56.3	100.0			

UTILIZATION OF CIVIL SUPERIOR COURT TERMS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

1972 Calendar Year

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>				
Camden	5	2	3	40.0
Chowan	10	3½	6½	35.0
Currituck	10	5	5	50.0
Dare	10	6	4	60.0
Gates	0	0	0	—
Pasquotank	19	15½	3½	81.6
Perquimans	9	1	8	11.1
TOTAL	63	33	30	52.4
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>				
Beaufort	30	27	3	90.0
Hyde	0	0	0	—
Martin	19	7	12	36.8
Tyrrell	0	0	0	—
Washington	7	4½	2½	64.3
TOTAL	56	38½	17½	68.8
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>				
Carteret	35	20	15	57.1
Craven	33	21½	11½	65.2
Pamlico	4	1	3	25.0
Pitt	30	22	8	73.3
TOTAL	102	64½	37½	63.2
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>				
Duplin	30	26½	3½	88.3
Jones	10	4	6	40.0
Onslow	20	11½	8½	57.5
Sampson	13	10	3	76.9
TOTAL	73	52	21	71.2
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>				
New Hanover	84	59½	24½	70.8
Pender	15	5½	9½	36.7
TOTAL	99	65	34	65.7
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>				
Bertie	13	3½	9½	26.9
Halifax	20	14	6	70.0
Hertford	20	11	9	55.0
Northampton	10	5	5	50.0
TOTAL	63	33½	29½	53.2
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>				
Edgecombe	20	12	8	60.0
Nash	44	25	19	56.8
Wilson	35	11½	23½	32.9
TOTAL	99	48½	50½	49.0

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>				
Greene	13	9	4	69.2
Lenoir	32	22	10	68.8
Wayne	44	28	16	63.6
TOTAL	89	59	30	66.3
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>				
Franklin	25	24	1	96.0
Granville	20	17	3	85.0
Person	15	6	9	40.0
Vance	20	6	14	30.0
Warren	10	9	1	90.0
TOTAL	90	62	28	68.9
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>				
Wake	176	128½	47½	73.0
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>				
Harnett	48	40	8	83.3
Johnston	49	32	17	65.3
Lee	23	21	2	91.3
TOTAL	120	93	27	77.5
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>				
Cumberland	57	44	13	77.2
Hoke	5	4	1	80.0
TOTAL	62	48	14	77.4
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>				
Bladen	15	11	4	73.3
Brunswick	20	11	9	55.0
Columbus	44	26	18	59.1
TOTAL	79	48	31	60.8
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>				
Durham	59	50	9	84.7
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>				
Alamance	45	35	10	77.8
Chatham	19	10½	8½	55.3
Orange	30	27	3	90.0
TOTAL	94	72½	21½	77.1
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>				
Robeson	40	31	9	77.5
Scotland	16	6	10	37.5
TOTAL	56	37	19	66.1
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>				
Caswell	6	2	4	33.3
Rockingham	55	35½	19½	64.5
Stokes	5	4	1	80.0
Surry	25	14	11	56.0
TOTAL	91	55½	35½	61.0

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>				
Guilford	231	175½	55½	76.0
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>				
Cabarrus	59	25½	33½	43.2
Montgomery	10	5	5	50.0
Randolph	79	53½	25½	67.7
Rowan	43	20	23	46.5
TOTAL	191	104	87	54.5
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>				
Anson	20	9½	10½	47.5
Moore	15	7½	7½	50.0
Richmond	25	14½	10½	58.0
Stanly	10	5	5	50.0
Union	24	22	2	91.7
TOTAL	94	58½	35½	62.2
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>				
Forsyth	197	134	63	68.0
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>				
Alexander	2	2	0	100.0
Davidson	83	54½	28½	65.7
Davie	10	7½	2½	75.0
Iredell	43	35½	7½	82.6
TOTAL	138	99½	38½	72.1
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>				
Alleghany	7	5	2	71.4
Ashe	6	4½	1½	75.0
Wilkes	45	39	6	86.7
Yadkin	13	10½	2½	80.8
TOTAL	71	59	12	83.1
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>				
Avery	10	8½	1½	85.0
Madison	15	9½	5½	63.3
Mitchell	10	3	7	30.0
Watauga	10	8	2	80.0
Yancey	12	6½	5½	54.2
TOTAL	57	35½	21½	62.3
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>				
Burke	44	35½	8½	80.7
Caldwell	35	26	9	74.3
Catawba	24	15½	8½	64.6
TOTAL	103	77	26	74.8
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>				
Mecklenburg	391	363	28	92.8

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>				
Cleveland	40	33½	6½	83.8
Gaston	105½	92½	13	87.7
Lincoln	5	4	1	80.0
TOTAL	150½	130	20½	86.4
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>				
Buncombe	209	186	23	89.0
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>				
Henderson	39	28	11	71.8
McDowell	20	13	7	65.0
Polk	10	5	5	50.0
Rutherford	30	23½	6½	78.3
Transylvania	15	6	9	40.0
TOTAL	114	75½	38½	66.2
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>				
Cherokee	4	3	1	75.0
Clay	3	3	0	100.0
Graham	10	6	4	60.0
Haywood	44	36	8	81.8
Jackson	7	6	1	85.7
Macon	20½	20	½	97.6
Swain	0	0	0	—
TOTAL	88½	74	14½	83.6
Group I	2,806	2,056	750	73.3
Group II	700	504	196	72.0
GRAND TOTAL	3,506	2,560	946	73.0

SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL DOCKETS

Nineteen hundred and seventy-two was a very good year for the criminal division of the superior court. Every available measure indicates marked improvement over performance of the last few years. Filings increased by only 2.8%, whereas in each of the last three years they had increased by 10% or more. Dispositions increased significantly by 20.5%, whereas the highest increase in recent years had been less than 10%. Moreover, the number of cases pending at the end of the year *decreased* by 9.9% compared to *increases* of 32.3% in 1970 and 28.3% in 1971. The number of days of court scheduled increased by 10.7% and the number of days held increased by 9.8%. The percentage of court utilization remained about the same, decreasing by less than 1%. The rate of disposition (the percentage of filings which were disposed of) exceeded 100% for the first time since 1965. The rate of disposition for 1972 was 104.7%, up from 89.8% in 1970 and 89.3% in 1971. Finally, the pending ratio dropped from 50.9 to 40.5.

What accounts for this marked improvement? Many factors are probably involved, but several deserve mention. The small increase in the number of filings is an obvious factor, and this was caused primarily by a reduction in the number of misdemeanor cases being appealed from the district court for trial *de novo* in the superior court. The number of these cases actually dropped by 4.1% while felony filings within the original jurisdiction of the superior court rose by 10.4%. Equally obvious is the fact that 30 additional assistant district attorneys authorized by the 1971 General Assembly were at work throughout the year. Also, the increased number of days of court held in 1972 undoubtedly contributed to the increased dispositions. Less obviously, the publicity given to the mounting caseloads of this division may have engendered a greater awareness of the problem among court officials and members of the bar and affected greater diligence in finding solutions.

The impact of district court appeals on superior court dockets has been recognized for some time and has been a topic of discussion at meetings of various court officials. The tables which appear on page 30 indicate that the relationship between the two divisions may be viewed in terms of the percentage of criminal cases tried in the district court which are appealed to the superior court and the percentage of total superior court filings which are cases appealed from the district court for trial *de novo*.

It is evident that any minor change in appeal rates from the district court (a high volume court) will have significant impact upon the superior court (a low volume court). Using the 1972 statistics as an indicator, it is possible to project the impact upon the superior court of any increase in the number of

cases appealed from the district court for trial *de novo*. An increase of 1% in the number of cases appealed from the district court would add 3,782 cases to superior court criminal filings, an increase of almost 10%. This ratio between an increase in cases appealed from the district court and the consequent increase in superior court filings is one to ten. Therefore, if cases appealed from the district court increased by 5%, superior court filings would increase by 50%; if cases appealed from the district court increased by 10%, the caseload of the superior court would increase by 100%.

The above analysis reveals the delicate balance that must be achieved if the system is to perform effectively. An examination of appeal statistics since the district court was established is revealing and especially encouraging for the future. The statistics clearly demonstrate that the longer the district court is in operation, the lower the rate of appeals and the smaller the proportion of superior court filings which are appealed cases.

Apparently, after a period of adjustment and experience by the courts, district attorneys and the defense bar, a balance is reached and the appeal rate diminishes. For Group I counties, the percentage of superior court filings which were appeals has dropped from 57.4% (1970), to 52.1% (1971), to 48.6% (1972); and the percent of district court cases which were appealed has remained just below 5% for the same period. This trend is aptly demonstrated by looking at the 1972 statistics in terms of the number of years that the district court has been operating in the counties: for those 22 counties where the district court has been in operation for six full years the appeal rate from the district court is 4.5% and appeals are 44.6% of superior court filings; for the 61 counties in the system for four years the figures are 5.0% and 49.6%; and for those 17 counties which entered the system in December of 1970, the figures are 9.1% and 67.0%. It therefore seems reasonable to project that the percentages for the counties that entered the system in December of 1968 and 1970 will decrease to percentages comparable to those for the counties where the district court has operated for more than six years.

The above analysis is based upon totals for groups of counties, but the percentages in fact vary widely from county to county. In some counties the percentage of cases being appealed is in excess of 20% and misdemeanor cases constitute more than 70% of superior court filings.

Among all 100 counties, the 10 counties with the largest criminal dockets accounted for 41.7% of the total cases pending at the end of the year. Fifty-one counties had 100 or fewer cases pending at the end of the year, and only 7 counties had more than 500 cases pending. In 1971, 11 counties had more than 500 cases pending.

In the order named, Wake, Guilford, Mecklenburg, Forsyth and Cumberland had the largest number of cases filed in 1972. Among the counties that exceeded the statewide average for filings, the following counties had the largest percentage increases in filings between 1971 and 1972: Stanly (71.2%), Carteret (65.0%), Columbus (65.0%), Catawba (51.1%), and Vance (45.3%).

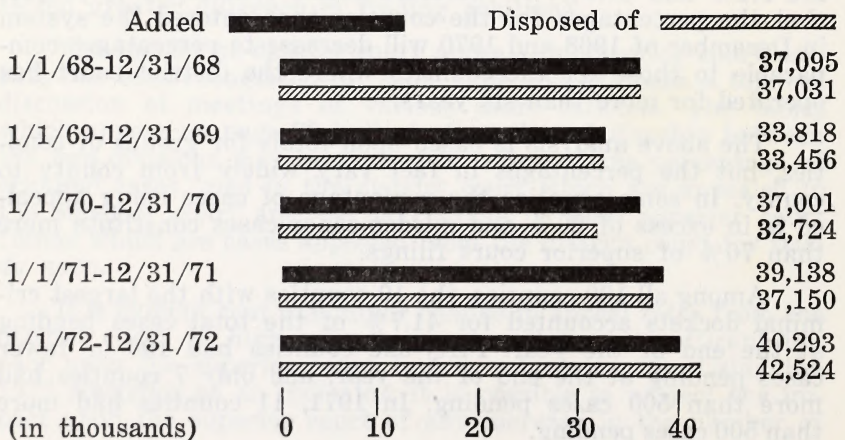
Wake County disposed of the most cases in 1972, followed in order by Mecklenburg, Guilford, Forsyth, and New Hanover. Among the counties that exceeded the statewide average for dispositions, the following counties made the most significant increases over 1971: Stanly (222.7%), Orange (210.4%), Buncombe (92.4%), Union (51.8%), and New Hanover (50.6%).

The highest number of jury trials, 326, was held in Wake in 1972; Mecklenburg held 324, Guilford held 175, Durham held 167, and Cumberland held 155. As would be expected, Mecklenburg led the State in the number of days of criminal court held (444), followed by Wake (367), Guilford (211), Buncombe (191), and Cumberland (188).

The 1971 *Annual Report* utilized pending ratios as a barometer of court performance for the first time. As already indicated, the pending ratio for 1972 is 40.5, suggesting that it would require about 5 months to dispose of all cases pending. The pending ratio, of course, varies from county to county, and it is useful to apply that test to each county. A new table appears at page 30 and it lists the 10 counties with the highest pending ratios.

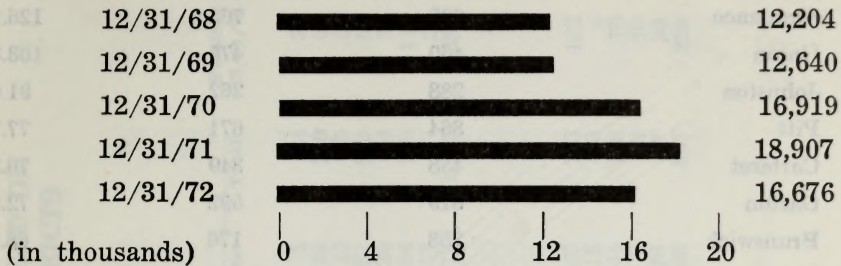
CRIMINAL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

January 1, 1968 - December 31, 1972



CRIMINAL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

December 31, 1968 - December 31, 1972



DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CRIMINAL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

Number of Cases	Less than 50	50-100	101-200	201-500	Over 500
Number of Counties 1971	28	26	18	17	11
1972	28	23	27	15	7

TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CRIMINAL DOCKETS

County	Pending 1-1-72	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-72	Percent of Filings Disposed of
Wake	1,544	2,406	2,439	1,511	101.4
Alamance	633	735	605	763	82.3
Forsyth	846	1,647	1,773	720	107.7
Mecklenburg	875	2,155	2,354	676	109.2
Pitt	467	1,068	864	671	80.9
Gaston	447	964	819	592	85.0
Guilford	602	2,280	2,321	561	101.8
New Hanover	881	1,369	1,761	489	128.6
Rowan	575	683	770	488	112.7
Cumberland	363	1,608	1,485	486	92.4
STATE MEAN	189	403	425	167	105.5

TEN COUNTIES WITH GREATEST PROPORTION OF CASES PENDING IN RELATION TO DISPOSITIONS¹

	Disposed of in 1972	Pending 12/31/72	Ratio
Alamance	605	763	126.1
Union	460	475	103.3
Johnston	288	262	91.0
Pitt	864	671	77.7
Carteret	458	349	76.2
Gaston	819	592	72.3
Brunswick	258	176	68.2
Lee	278	188	67.6
Rowan	770	488	63.4
Wake	2,439	1,511	62.0
STATE MEAN	425	167	39.2

1—Excluding counties with less than the statewide average of 167 cases pending on December 31, 1972.

PERCENT OF CASES TRIED IN THE DISTRICT COURT WHICH WERE APPEALED TO THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR TRIAL *DE NOVO*

Total number of cases tried in the District Court	378,284
(Includes only cases actually tried; excludes cases disposed of by waiver, preliminary hearing, <i>nol pros</i> or otherwise.)	
Total number of cases appealed from the District Court for trial <i>de novo</i> in the Superior Court	20,899
Percent of cases tried in the District Court which were appealed to the Superior Court for trial <i>de novo</i>	5.52%

PERCENT OF SUPERIOR COURT FILINGS WHICH ARE CASES APPEALED FROM THE DISTRICT COURT FOR TRIAL *DE NOVO*

Total number of cases filed in Superior Court within its original jurisdiction	19,394
Total number of cases filed in Superior Court upon appeal from District Court for trial <i>de novo</i>	<u>20,899</u>
Total number of cases filed in Superior Court	40,293
Percent of Superior Court Filings consisting of cases appealed from District Court for trial <i>de novo</i>	51.9%

CRIMINAL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

January 1, 1972 — December 31, 1972

	Cases Filed		Cases Disposed Of			Pending 12/31/72	Gain or Loss
	Pending 1/1/72	Misdemeanors ¹ Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total
1ST DISTRICT							
Camden	14	35	43	7	16	1	24
Chowan	95	161	218	15	106	129	250
Currituck	43	79	80	16	36	13	65
Dare	152	151	198	36	166	91	293
Gates	21	52	65	7	21	26	54
Pasquotank	103	220	302	28	157	104	289
Perquimans	25	41	49	10	24	13	47
TOTAL	453	739	955	119	526	377	1,022
2ND DISTRICT							
Beaufort	97	151	288	71	146	66	283
Hyde	13	21	27	4	17	15	86
Martin	63	98	144	18	66	44	128
Tyrrell	10	23	23	4	12	7	23
Washington	43	40	74	15	46	26	87
TOTAL	226	333	556	112	287	158	557

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.
2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

	Cases Filled		Cases Disposed Of			Pending 12/31/72	Gain or Loss
	Pending 1/1/72	Misdemeanors ¹ Felonies ²	Jury	Plea	Other		
3RD DISTRICT							
Carteret	289	384	31	203	224	458	60
Craven	349	332	94	304	261	659	123
Pamlico	21	28	0	21	23	44	6
Pitt	467	688	93	446	325	864	204
TOTAL	1,126	1,432	218	974	833	2,025	147
4TH DISTRICT							
Duplin	36	76	10	113	71	194	12
Jones	5	13	5	4	11	20	12
Onslow	80	231	103	224	177	504	25
Sampson	98	135	66	173	73	312	48
TOTAL	219	455	184	514	332	1,030	1
5TH DISTRICT							
New Hanover	881	421	104	969	688	1,761	392
Pender	72	54	8	96	54	158	15
TOTAL	953	475	112	1,065	742	1,919	377
6TH DISTRICT							
Bertie	20	30	13	32	24	69	7
Halifax	54	132	21	155	115	291	1
Hertford	33	58	17	56	33	106	4
Northampton	35	68	13	33	50	96	3
TOTAL	142	288	64	276	222	562	1

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.

2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

	Cases Filled			Jury	Cases Disposed Of		Total	Pending 12/31/72	Gain or Loss
	Pending 1/1/72	Misdemeanors ¹	Felonies ²		Plea	Other			
7TH DISTRICT									
Edgecombe	102	218	131	39	173	156	368	83	19
Nash	303	240	174	56	298	204	558	159	144
Wilson	80	391	293	47	414	177	638	126	46
TOTAL	485	849	598	142	885	537	1,564	368	117
8TH DISTRICT									
Greene	33	65	39	18	56	19	93	44	11
Lenoir	210	343	226	70	313	286	669	110	100
Wayne	459	372	316	78	413	292	783	364	95
TOTAL	702	780	581	166	782	597	1,545	518	184
9TH DISTRICT									
Franklin	244	277	68	17	206	151	374	215	29
Granville	144	160	107	10	175	123	308	103	41
Person	113	186	87	21	172	118	311	75	38
Vance	182	228	218	18	230	205	453	125	7
Warren	63	93	74	5	105	46	156	74	11
TOTAL	696	944	554	71	888	643	1,602	592	104
10TH DISTRICT									
Wake	1,544	1,180	1,226	326	1,276	837	2,439	1,511	33

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.

2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

	Cases Filed				Cases Disposed Of				Pending 12/31/72	Gain or Loss
	Pending 1/1/72	Misdemeanors ¹	Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total		
11TH DISTRICT										
Harnett	142	92	113	205	33	90	121	244	103	39
Johnston	137	147	266	413	37	142	109	288	262	125
Lee	186	136	144	280	33	137	108	278	188	2
TOTAL	465	375	523	898	103	369	338	810	553	88
12TH DISTRICT										
Cumberland	363	533	1,075	1,608	155	509	821	1,485	486	123
Hoke	62	57	75	132	38	57	56	151	43	19
TOTAL	425	590	1,150	1,740	193	566	877	1,636	529	104
13TH DISTRICT										
Bladen	77	101	86	187	22	53	95	170	94	17
Brunswick	181	139	114	253	10	122	126	258	176	5
Columbus	90	168	251	419	22	218	119	359	150	60
TOTAL	348	408	451	859	54	393	340	787	420	72
14TH DISTRICT										
Durham	375	262	780	1,042	167	577	327	1,071	346	29
15TH DISTRICT										
Alamance	633	218	517	735	43	195	367	605	763	130
Chatham	136	101	131	232	32	90	145	267	101	35
Orange	550	505	14	519	50	221	626	897	172	378
TOTAL	1,319	824	662	1,486	125	506	1,138	1,769	1,036	283

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.

2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed Of				Pending 12/31/72	Gain or Loss
	Pending 1/1/72	Misdemeanors ¹	Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other		
16TH DISTRICT									
Robeson	225	238	389	627	106	436	173	715	88
Scotland	67	90	170	260	14	180	60	254	6
TOTAL	292	328	559	887	120	616	233	969	82
17TH DISTRICT									
Caswell	38	102	48	150	9	70	41	120	30
Rockingham	84	732	1	733	46	421	216	683	50
Stokes	68	81	69	150	40	50	14	110	40
Surry	72	283	133	416	44	211	89	344	72
TOTAL	262	1,198	251	1,449	139	758	360	1,257	192
18TH DISTRICT									
Guilford—	429	595	1,207	1,802	128	885	801	1,814	12
Greensboro	173	211	267	478	47	275	185	507	29
High Point	602	806	1,474	2,280	175	1,160	986	2,321	41
TOTAL									
19TH DISTRICT									
Cabarrus	734	677	90	767	95	531	485	1,111	344
Montgomery	111	148	86	234	18	157	67	242	8
Randolph	201	285	206	491	48	235	204	487	4
Rowan	575	369	314	683	49	385	336	770	87
TOTAL	1,621	1,479	696	2,175	210	1,308	1,092	2,610	435

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.

2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed Of			Pending 12/31/72	Gain or Loss
	Pending 1/1/72	Misdemeanors ¹	Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total
20TH DISTRICT								
Anson	224	161	56	217	43	163	162	368
Moore	170	124	184	308	17	168	206	391
Richmond	293	165	171	336	21	195	178	394
Stanly	332	285	167	452	46	348	232	626
Union	512	190	233	423	41	215	204	460
TOTAL	1,531	925	811	1,736	168	1,089	982	2,239
21ST DISTRICT								
Forsyth	846	922	725	1,647	117	611	1,045	1,773
22ND DISTRICT								
Alexander	62	187	10	197	6	98	103	207
Davidson	247	534	228	762	28	504	282	814
Davie	81	176	16	192	14	132	60	206
Iredell	378	607	228	835	43	643	319	1,005
TOTAL	763	1,504	482	1,986	91	1,377	764	2,232
23RD DISTRICT								
Alleghany	19	9	10	19	7	21	4	32
Ashe	18	12	51	63	7	39	16	62
Wilkes	66	158	153	311	31	102	192	325
Yadkin	24	59	37	96	6	45	45	96
TOTAL	127	238	251	489	51	207	257	515

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.

2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed Of			Pending 12/31/72	Gain or Loss
	Pending 1/1/72	Misdemeanors ¹	Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>								
Avery	51	42	40	82	9	46	58	113
Madison	57	74	36	110	13	22	63	98
Mitchell	30	17	13	30	13	20	10	43
Watauga	56	20	89	109	11	46	48	105
Yancey	8	39	32	71	9	37	11	57
TOTAL	197	192	210	402	55	171	190	416
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>								
Burke	117	153	97	250	34	91	91	216
Caldwell	98	210	138	348	43	150	117	310
Catawba	129	458	352	810	38	428	277	743
TOTAL	344	821	587	1,408	115	669	485	1,269
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>								
Mecklenburg	875	691	1,464	2,155	324	1,135	895	2,354
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>								
Cleveland	166	172	172	344	59	183	123	365
Gaston	447	527	437	964	128	337	354	819
Lincoln	189	172	78	250	22	259	70	351
TOTAL	802	871	687	1,558	209	779	547	1,535
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>								
Buncombe	548	385	683	1,068	98	470	669	1,237

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.

2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

29TH DISTRICT

	Cases Filed		Cases Disposed Of			Pending 12/31/72	Gain or Loss
	Pending 1/1/72	Misdemeanors ¹ Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total
Henderson	91	30	120	17	48	89	154
McDowell	89	129	218	63	68	93	224
Polk	35	13	48	5	22	16	43
Rutherford	73	116	189	29	107	75	211
Transylvania	20	31	51	33	18	40	91
TOTAL	308	319	627	147	263	313	723

30TH DISTRICT

	Cases Filed		Cases Disposed Of			Pending 12/31/72	Gain or Loss
	Pending 1/1/72	Misdemeanors ¹ Felonies ²	Total	Jury	Plea	Other	Total
Cherokee	33	47	80	7	91	38	136
Clay	10	9	19	0	16	1	17
Graham	35	11	46	1	58	0	59
Haywood	159	139	298	13	180	101	294
Jackson	31	15	46	12	56	37	105
Macon	23	28	51	1	36	17	54
Swain	20	19	39	3	39	29	71
TOTAL	311	268	579	37	476	223	736
Group I	15,586	16,095	31,681	3,623	16,853	14,197	34,673
Percent		48.6	51.4	10.4	48.6	41.0	100.0
Group II	3,321	4,804	8,125	589	4,120	3,142	7,851
Percent		67.0	33.0	7.5	52.5	40.0	100.0
GRAND TOTAL	18,907	20,899	39,806	4,212	20,973	17,339	42,524
Percent		51.9	48.1	9.9	49.3	40.8	100.0

1. All cases on appeal from the district court for trial de novo.

2. All cases except those appealed from the district court for trial de novo.

UTILIZATION OF CRIMINAL SUPERIOR COURT TERMS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

1972 Calendar Year

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>				
Camden	9	5	4	55.6
Chowan	29	26	3	89.7
Currituck	15	10½	4½	70.0
Dare	53	43	10	81.1
Gates	15	7	8	46.7
Pasquotank	40	32½	7½	81.3
Perquimans	15	11	4	73.3
TOTAL	176	135	41	76.7
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>				
Beaufort	59	55	4	93.2
Hyde	10	6½	3½	65.0
Martin	20	17	3	85.0
Tyrrell	10	3½	6½	35.0
Washington	17	13½	3½	79.4
TOTAL	116	95½	20½	82.3
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>				
Carteret	50	43½	6½	87.0
Craven	89	83	6	93.3
Pamlico	11	5	6	45.5
Pitt	109	97½	11½	89.4
TOTAL	259	229	30	88.4
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>				
Duplin	40	25½	14½	63.8
Jones	9	2	7	22.2
Onslow	83	77	6	92.8
Sampson	45	39	6	86.7
TOTAL	177	143½	33½	81.1
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>				
New Hanover	190	167½	22½	88.2
Pender	60	52	8	86.7
TOTAL	250	219½	30½	87.8
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>				
Bertie	20	17	3	85.0
Halifax	30	27½	2½	91.7
Hertford	20	16½	3½	82.5
Northampton	20	13	7	65.0
TOTAL	90	74	16	82.2
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>				
Edgecombe	40	30	10	75.0
Nash	46	39½	6½	85.9
Wilson	70	67	3	95.7
TOTAL	156	136½	19½	87.5

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>				
Greene	19	15½	3½	81.6
Lenoir	75	66½	8½	88.7
Wayne	90	77½	12½	86.1
TOTAL	184	159½	24½	86.7
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>				
Franklin	29	28	1	96.6
Granville	20	18½	1½	92.5
Person	35	31	4	88.6
Vance	28	25	3	89.3
Warren	19	16	3	84.2
TOTAL	131	118½	12½	90.5
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>				
Wake	402	366½	35½	91.2
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>				
Harnett	45	39½	5½	87.8
Johnston	53	47½	5½	89.6
Lee	39	36½	2½	93.6
TOTAL	137	123½	13½	90.1
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>				
Cumberland	218	188	30	86.2
Hoke	40	36	4	90.0
TOTAL	258	224	34	86.8
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>				
Bladen	20	17½	2½	87.5
Brunswick	20	16½	3½	82.5
Columbus	42	35	7	83.3
TOTAL	82	69	13	84.1
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>				
Durham	180	175½	4½	97.5
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>				
Alamance	77	78½	0	101.9
Chatham	26	25	1	96.2
Orange	73	65	8	89.0
TOTAL	176	168½	9	95.7
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>				
Robeson	109	99	10	90.8
Scotland	29	28	1	96.6
TOTAL	138	127	11	92.0
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>				
Caswell	18	17	1	94.4
Rockingham	68	61½	6½	90.4
Stokes	15	11½	3½	76.7
Surry	45	31	14	68.9
TOTAL	146	121	25	82.9

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>				
Guilford	252	210½	41½	83.5
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>				
Cabarrus	70	54	16	77.1
Montgomery	19	14	5	73.7
Randolph	68	54	14	79.4
Rowan	59	45	14	76.3
TOTAL	216	167	49	77.3
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>				
Anson	35	29	6	82.9
Moore	34	31	3	91.2
Richmond	37	32½	4½	87.8
Stanly	48	42	6	87.5
Union	45	41	4	91.1
TOTAL	199	175½	23½	88.2
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>				
Forsyth	205	182	23	88.8
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>				
Alexander	18	15½	2½	86.1
Davidson	70	61½	8½	87.9
Davie	20	16½	3½	82.5
Iredell	73	68½	4½	93.8
TOTAL	181	162	19	89.5
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>				
Alleghany	13	9½	3½	73.1
Ashe	17	12	5	70.6
Wilkes	40	37	3	92.5
Yadkin	20	15	5	75.0
TOTAL	90	73½	16½	81.7
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>				
Avery	10	9	1	90.0
Madison	25	19½	5½	78.0
Mitchell	8	7	1	87.5
Watauga	15	14	1	93.3
Yancey	11	7	4	63.6
TOTAL	69	56½	12½	81.9
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>				
Burke	67	58	9	86.6
Caldwell	59	53	6	89.8
Catawba	103	88	15	85.4
TOTAL	229	199	30	86.9
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>				
Mecklenburg	458	444	14	96.9

27TH DISTRICT

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Cleveland	64	60	4	93.8
Gaston	144½	124	20½	85.8
Lincoln	28	24½	3½	87.5
TOTAL	236½	208½	28	88.2

28TH DISTRICT

Buncombe	219	191	28	87.2
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29TH DISTRICT

Henderson	25	18	7	72.0
McDowell	39	35	4	89.7
Polk	5	3½	1½	70.0
Rutherford	45	36½	8½	81.1
Transylvania	15	11	4	73.3
TOTAL	129	104	25	80.6

30TH DISTRICT

Cherokee	15	9	6	60.0
Clay	7	1½	5½	21.4
Graham	9	4	5	44.4
Haywood	23	19	4	82.6
Jackson	49	32	17	65.3
Macon	9½	6	3½	63.2
Swain	10	5	5	50.0
TOTAL	122½	76½	46	62.4
Group I	4,812	4,221½	592	87.7
Group II	852	714½	137½	83.9
GRAND TOTAL	5,664	4,936	729½	87.1

THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

The district court system has now been operational in all 100 counties for a full two year period. It has operated in 83 counties for 4 years and in 22 counties for 6 years. All of the statistical measures continue to be encouraging about the performance of this high-volume trial division. Although both civil and criminal filings increased, there was a corresponding increase in dispositions. The *total* of civil and criminal cases pending at the end of the year decreased (civil cases pending decreased by 9.4% while criminal cases pending increased by 2.6%). The ratios between cases pending at the end of the year and dispositions for the year are especially encouraging. The ratio for criminal cases is 8.5; the ratio for civil cases is 28.3. In other words, it would require about one month for the district court to dispose of its criminal docket and about three and one-half months to dispose of its civil docket.

There was a significant reduction in the number of days of court held in this division in 1972, primarily because of a change in the definition of what constitutes a day of court. In fact, the district court was probably in session about the same number of days in 1972 as it was in 1971. The statewide statistics indicate that 5,404½ days of civil court and 10,852½ days of criminal court were held in 1972. Upon assignment by the Chief Justice, district judges held 248 days of court in judicial districts other than their own.

The tables relating to juvenile proceedings are found on pages 65 and 73. There were fewer new cases opened (children before the court for the first time) in 1972 than in 1971, the number decreasing from 13,583 to 13,341 or 1.8%. The number of adjudicatory hearings increased from 20,087 to 23,796 or 18.5%. The composition of the caseload remained about the same: delinquency accounted for 61.3%, undisciplined for 21.0%, dependency for 7.7%, and neglect for 10.0%. The bulk of delinquency charges were for misdemeanors (69.1%), 16.4% were for felonies, 14.2% were for violations of probation and .3% were for capital felonies. Almost one-half (46.1%) of undisciplined charges were for truancy.

DISTRICT COURT CIVIL DOCKETS

Civil filings increased by 9.5% but dispositions increased by 12.1%, allowing for a 9.4% reduction in the number of cases pending at the end of the year. The rate of disposition was 103.0% (more cases were disposed of than were filed).

Among all 100 counties, the 10 counties with the largest civil dockets accounted for 46.3% of the total civil cases pending. Fifty-eight counties had 300 or fewer cases pending at the end of the year and only 7 counties had more than 1,000 pending. As stated above, the ratio of pending cases to the year's dis-

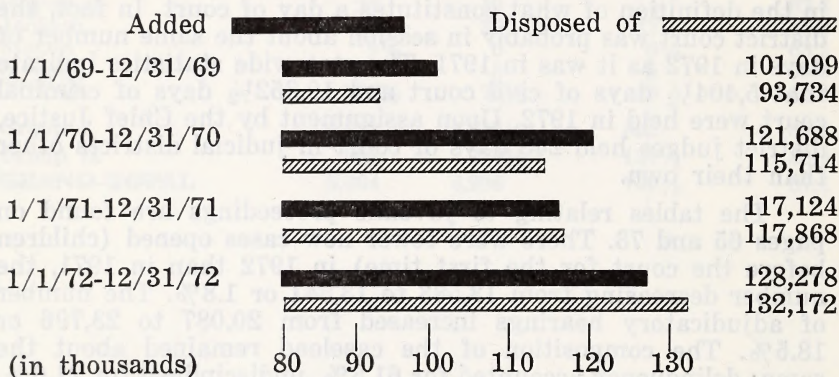
positions is 28.3, indicating that the docket could be disposed of in about three and one-half months.

Of the 148,739 cases filed in all 100 counties in 1972, 63.9% were small claims, 14.1% were domestic cases, and 22.0% were regular civil actions in which a hearing before a district court judge was requested. Of the 152,289 cases which were disposed of, 20.9% were handled by a judge without a jury, a jury was impaneled in 1.9% of the cases, magistrates disposed of 59.2%, and the remaining 18.0% were disposed of by other means.

When the plaintiff so requests, claims for \$300 or less are subject to assignment to a magistrate. Magistrates continue to dispose of almost all of these small claims. In 1972, magistrates disposed of 95.6% of such claims.

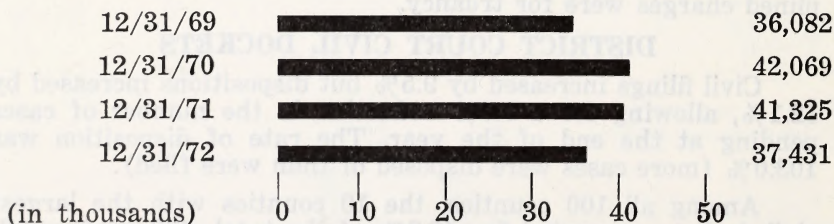
CIVIL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURT¹

January 1, 1969 - December 31, 1972



CIVIL CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURT¹

December 31, 1969 - December 31, 1972



¹—Includes the 83 counties where the district court has been operational for four or more years. The 17 counties (Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Iredell, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin) which were activated in December, 1970, are excluded.

DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CIVIL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

Number of Cases	Less than 100	101-300	301-500	501-1000	Over 1000
Number of Counties 1971	32	21	17	20	10
1972	30	28	18	17	7

TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CIVIL DOCKETS

County	Pending 1-1-72	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-72	Percent of Filings Disposed of
Mecklenburg	3,925	15,884	14,823	4,986	93.3
Guilford	3,941	13,111	13,562	3,490	103.4
Wake	2,823	10,362	9,925	3,260	95.8
Surry	1,051	2,726	2,117	1,660	77.7
Cumberland	2,355	6,431	7,223	1,563	112.3
Gaston	1,078	4,116	3,792	1,402	92.1
New Hanover	1,248	2,701	2,730	1,219	101.1
Person	782	938	728	992	77.6
Forsyth	853	6,184	6,105	932	98.7
Robeson	1,671	2,703	3,520	854	130.2
STATE MEAN	475	149	152	440	102.4

CIVIL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURTS BY TYPE OF CASE AND MANNER OF DISPOSITION

January 1, 1972 — December 31, 1972

	Pending 1/1/72	Cases Filed		Total	Cases Disposed Of		Total	Pending 12/31/72	Gain or Loss
		Small Claims ¹	Domestic ²		By Jury	By Judge			
1ST DISTRICT									
Camden	38	118	10	12	3	10	124	154	14
Chowan	47	217	0	83	0	53	195	285	15
Currituck	15	180	14	37	0	12	157	216	15
Dare	78	111	25	27	0	34	152	201	38
Gates	92	177	18	36	10	24	146	201	30
Pasquotank	97	832	128	130	17	107	777	997	93
Perquimans	55	120	16	23	4	18	142	191	32
TOTAL	422	1,755	211	348	34	258	1,693	2,245	69
2ND DISTRICT									
Beaufort	315	890	154	114	27	192	883	1,182	24
Hyde	16	43	13	6	0	17	47	68	6
Martin	179	556	73	71	16	67	537	668	32
Tyrrell	8	50	8	7	0	9	42	55	10
Washington	89	212	30	45	4	39	231	336	49
TOTAL	607	1,751	278	243	47	324	1,730	2,309	37

1. Includes claims for \$300 or less where the principal relief requested is one of those listed in G.S. 7A-210(2) and the plaintiff has requested assignment to a magistrate.

2. Includes domestic relations cases as defined by G.S. 7A-244.

	Pending 1/1/72	Small Claims ¹		Cases Filed		Cases Disposed Of					Pending 12/31/72	Gain or Loss	
				Domestic ²	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other			Total
3RD DISTRICT													
Carteret	369	328	169	139	636	11	192	334	90	627	378	9	
Craven	779	464	368	688	1,520	34	423	567	568	1,592	707	72	
Pamlico	52	109	8	33	150	2	31	111	28	172	30	22	
Pitt	691	1,434	319	420	2,173	38	461	1,293	292	2,084	780	89	
TOTAL	1,891	2,335	864	1,280	4,479	85	1,107	2,305	978	4,475	1,895	4	
4TH DISTRICT													
Duplin	417	833	143	247	1,223	22	259	892	202	1,375	265	152	
Jones	43	79	0	71	150	1	58	84	29	172	21	22	
Onslow	1,189	1,486	499	115	2,100	17	407	2,004	114	2,542	747	442	
Sampson	198	835	146	152	1,133	6	167	801	180	1,154	177	21	
TOTAL	1,847	3,233	788	585	4,606	46	891	3,781	525	5,243	1,210	637	
5TH DISTRICT													
New Hanover	1,248	1,519	634	548	2,701	162	830	1,396	342	2,730	1,219	29	
Pender	251	355	57	133	545	5	62	325	98	490	306	55	
TOTAL	1,499	1,874	691	681	3,246	167	892	1,721	440	3,220	1,525	26	
6TH DISTRICT													
Bertie	105	360	16	128	504	19	43	350	48	460	149	44	
Halifax	389	791	231	111	1,133	24	262	697	98	1,081	441	52	
Hertford	297	317	97	142	556	13	67	291	111	482	371	74	
Northampton	223	292	60	40	392	12	83	288	26	409	206	17	
TOTAL	1,014	1,760	404	421	2,585	68	455	1,626	283	2,432	1,167	153	

1. Includes claims for \$200 or less where the principal relief requested is one of those listed in G.S. 7A-210(2) and the plaintiff has requested assignment to a magistrate.

2. Includes domestic relations cases as defined by G.S. 7A-244.

	Pending 1/1/72	Cases Filed			Cases Disposed Of					Pending 12/31/72	Gain or Loss	
		Small Claims ¹	Domestic ²	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other			Total
7TH DISTRICT												
Edgecombe	275	1,305	181	325	1,811	21	268	1,386	169	1,844	242	33
Nash	374	1,031	372	269	1,672	62	427	1,009	203	1,701	345	29
Wilson	419	1,726	261	263	2,250	21	357	1,680	261	2,319	350	69
TOTAL	1,068	4,062	814	857	5,733	104	1,052	4,075	633	5,864	937	131
8TH DISTRICT												
Greene	73	169	34	27	230	0	24	134	32	190	113	40
Lenoir	485	1,360	287	524	2,171	43	376	1,388	475	2,282	374	111
Wayne	957	1,135	530	835	2,500	44	687	1,157	717	2,605	852	105
TOTAL	1,515	2,664	851	1,386	4,901	87	1,087	2,679	1,224	5,077	1,339	176
9TH DISTRICT												
Franklin	428	385	93	147	625	4	123	375	55	557	496	68
Granville	208	621	88	62	771	3	81	615	100	799	180	28
Person	782	771	14	153	938	6	75	594	53	728	992	210
Vance	383	1,118	19	410	1,547	12	139	955	88	1,194	736	353
Warren	249	260	52	27	339	6	49	285	24	364	224	25
TOTAL	2,050	3,155	266	799	4,220	31	467	2,824	320	3,642	2,628	578
10TH DISTRICT												
Wake	2,823	6,651	1,610	2,101	10,362	158	1,515	6,457	1,795	9,925	3,260	437

1. Includes claims for \$300 or less where the principal relief requested is one of those listed in G.S. 7A-210(2) and the plaintiff has requested assignment to a magistrate.

2. Includes domestic relations cases as defined by G.S. 7A-244.

	Pending 1/1/72	Small Claims ¹	Cases Filed		Total	Cases Disposed Of				Total	Pending 12/31/72	Gain or Loss	
			Domestic ²	Other		By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other				
11TH DISTRICT													
Harnett	960	880	236	310	1,426	21	454	841	403	1,719	667	298	
Johnston	987	902	12	565	1,479	20	482	1,066	472	2,040	376	561	
Lee	645	821	200	197	1,218	28	382	817	136	1,363	500	145	
TOTAL	2,542	2,603	448	1,072	4,123	69	1,318	2,724	1,011	5,122	1,543	999	
12TH DISTRICT													
Cumberland	2,355	4,279	1,331	821	6,431	150	1,285	3,600	2,188	7,223	1,563	792	
Hoke	164	151	0	176	327	10	48	149	103	310	181	17	
TOTAL	2,519	4,430	1,331	997	6,758	160	1,333	3,749	2,291	7,533	1,744	775	
13TH DISTRICT													
Bladen	158	682	76	100	858	13	76	628	94	811	205	47	
Brunswick	322	323	123	94	540	9	211	311	101	632	230	92	
Columbus	749	670	197	283	1,150	56	458	624	180	1,318	581	168	
TOTAL	1,229	1,675	396	477	2,548	78	745	1,563	375	2,761	1,016	213	
14TH DISTRICT													
Durham	1,690	4,763	867	1,163	6,793	89	1,301	4,241	2,446	8,077	406	-1,284	
15TH DISTRICT													
Alamance	634	1,684	594	260	2,538	54	577	1,639	481	2,751	421	213	
Chatham	315	764	111	79	954	13	179	574	448	1,214	55	260	
Orange	537	450	219	321	990	39	276	422	583	1,320	207	330	
TOTAL	1,486	2,898	924	660	4,482	106	1,032	2,635	1,512	5,285	683	803	

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		Small Claims ¹	Domestic ²	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other			Total
16TH DISTRICT												
Robeson	1,671	1,907	44	752	2,703	67	1,347	1,779	327	3,520	854	817
Scotland	271	511	19	205	735	21	83	550	177	831	175	96
TOTAL	1,942	2,418	63	957	3,438	88	1,430	2,329	504	4,351	1,029	913
17TH DISTRICT												
Caswell	21	338	51	29	418	0	29	281	53	363	76	55
Rockingham	546	1,107	380	366	1,853	20	441	1,056	296	1,813	586	40
Stokes	132	402	106	58	566	4	113	424	75	616	82	50
Surry	1,051	2,241	221	264	2,726	16	182	1,593	326	2,117	1,660	609
TOTAL	1,750	4,088	758	717	5,563	40	765	3,354	750	4,909	2,404	654
18TH DISTRICT												
Guilford—												
Greensboro	3,532	6,184	1,349	1,941	9,474	154	2,158	6,259	1,426	9,997	3,009	523
High Point	409	2,562	678	397	3,637	80	692	2,490	303	3,565	481	72
TOTAL	3,941	8,746	2,027	2,338	13,111	234	2,850	8,749	1,729	13,562	3,490	451
19TH DISTRICT												
Cabarrus	841	1,045	450	472	1,967	46	401	810	898	2,155	653	188
Montgomery	62	296	0	113	409	0	56	297	41	394	77	15
Randolph	588	737	312	178	1,227	10	358	696	222	1,286	529	59
Rowan	562	1,040	461	224	1,725	51	368	1,000	185	1,604	683	121
TOTAL	2,053	3,118	1,223	987	5,328	107	1,183	2,803	1,346	5,439	1,942	111

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			Domestic ²	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total			
20TH DISTRICT													
Anson	134	419	72	44	535	6	65	392	24	487	182	48	
Moore	359	376	20	274	670	10	207	370	156	743	286	73	
Richmond	520	517	223	152	892	56	138	567	274	1,035	377	143	
Stanly	270	809	163	250	1,222	5	167	769	204	1,145	377	77	
Union	340	793	187	213	1,193	15	166	586	219	986	547	207	
TOTAL	1,623	2,914	665	933	4,512	92	743	2,684	877	4,396	1,739	116	
21ST DISTRICT													
Forsyth	853	3,491	1,455	1,238	6,184	177	1,377	3,412	1,139	6,105	932	79	
22ND DISTRICT													
Alexander	49	311	98	43	452	3	106	307	33	449	52	3	
Davidson	519	1,008	0	956	1,964	32	655	979	423	2,089	394	125	
Davie	56	128	0	116	244	14	54	133	12	213	87	31	
Iredell	487	1,586	304	296	2,186	44	449	1,591	301	2,385	288	199	
TOTAL	1,111	3,033	402	1,411	4,846	93	1,264	3,010	769	5,136	821	290	
23RD DISTRICT													
Alleghany	38	99	35	71	205	7	60	104	32	203	35	2	
Ashe	46	185	51	60	296	4	85	138	31	258	84	38	
Wilkes	375	554	157	423	1,134	26	263	402	471	1,162	347	28	
Yadkin	90	208	93	46	347	8	72	201	52	333	104	14	
TOTAL	544	1,046	336	600	1,982	45	480	845	586	1,956	570	26	

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		Small Claims ¹	Cases Filed		Cases Disposed Of								
			Domestic ²	Other	Total	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate			Other	Total	
24TH DISTRICT													
Avery	72	44	36	63	143	1	53	51	66	171	44	—	28
Madison	24	16	12	23	51	5	22	19	18	64	11	—	13
Mitchell	26	43	24	70	137	2	39	46	24	111	52	—	26
Watauga	32	139	63	82	284	0	63	139	46	248	68	—	36
Yancey	90	50	43	79	172	6	39	54	86	185	77	—	13
TOTAL	244	292	178	317	787	14	216	309	240	779	252	—	8
25TH DISTRICT													
Burke	335	582	343	255	1,180	44	359	472	255	1,130	385	—	50
Caldwell	640	907	8	353	1,268	37	279	1,191	129	1,636	272	—	368
Catawba	616	896	578	477	1,951	48	571	828	461	1,908	659	—	43
TOTAL	1,591	2,385	929	1,085	4,399	129	1,209	2,491	845	4,674	1,316	—	275
26TH DISTRICT													
Mecklenburg	3,925	10,221	611	5,052	15,884	276	3,170	9,051	2,326	14,823	4,986	—	1,061
27TH DISTRICT													
Cleveland	353	1,291	354	166	1,811	24	311	1,330	203	1,868	296	—	57
Gaston	1,078	2,616	52	1,448	4,116	103	964	2,461	264	3,792	1,402	—	324
Lincoln	157	353	116	109	578	7	110	308	221	646	89	—	68
TOTAL	1,588	4,260	522	1,723	6,505	134	1,385	4,099	688	6,306	1,787	—	199
28TH DISTRICT													
Buncombe	756	1,299	0	1,443	2,742	122	904	1,341	310	2,677	821	—	65

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29TH DISTRICT												
Henderson	233	235	203	205	643	13	216	187	128	544	332	99
McDowell	62	277	130	61	468	9	80	229	94	412	118	56
Polk	48	38	34	9	81	0	35	34	24	93	36	12
Rutherford	152	519	235	119	873	19	230	544	75	868	157	5
Tennessee	201	262	112	82	456	21	135	198	30	384	273	72
TOTAL	696	1,331	714	476	2,521	62	696	1,192	351	2,301	916	220
30TH DISTRICT												
Cherokee	295	196	49	51	296	2	29	94	403	528	63	232
Clay	12	43	1	12	56	0	2	48	1	51	17	5
Graham	86	61	9	14	84	0	54	73	25	152	18	68
Haywood	149	278	190	107	575	29	128	286	66	509	215	66
Jackson	93	91	15	106	212	1	51	90	61	203	102	9
Macon	37	67	37	90	194	2	26	66	40	134	97	60
Swain	48	40	41	17	98	1	49	19	19	88	58	10
TOTAL	720	776	342	397	1,515	35	339	676	615	1,665	570	150
Group I	41,325	82,443	18,249	27,586	128,278	2,570	27,192	78,795	23,615	132,172	37,431	-3,894
Percent		64.3	14.2	21.5	100.0	1.9	20.6	59.6	17.9	100.0		
Group II	6,214	12,584	2,719	5,158	20,461	407	4,596	11,353	3,761	20,117	6,558	344
Percent		61.5	13.3	25.2	100.0	2.0	22.9	56.4	18.7	100.0		
GRAND TOTAL	47,539	95,027	20,968	32,744	148,739	2,977	31,788	90,148	27,376	152,289	43,989	-3,550
Percent		63.9	14.1	22.0	100.0	1.9	20.9	59.2	18.0	100.0		

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DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL DOCKETS

In the 83 counties where the district court has operated for four years, filings increased by 6.4% over 1971, dispositions increased 5.2% over 1971, and the number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 2.6% as compared with 1971.

The data from all 100 counties indicates that filings have exceeded one million cases (1,000,893) for the first time. Among these counties, only 17 had more than 1,000 cases pending at the end of the year and 45 counties had 300 or fewer pending. The 10 counties with the largest criminal dockets accounted for 52.6% of the total number of criminal cases pending. The rate of disposition for all 100 counties was 99.8%.

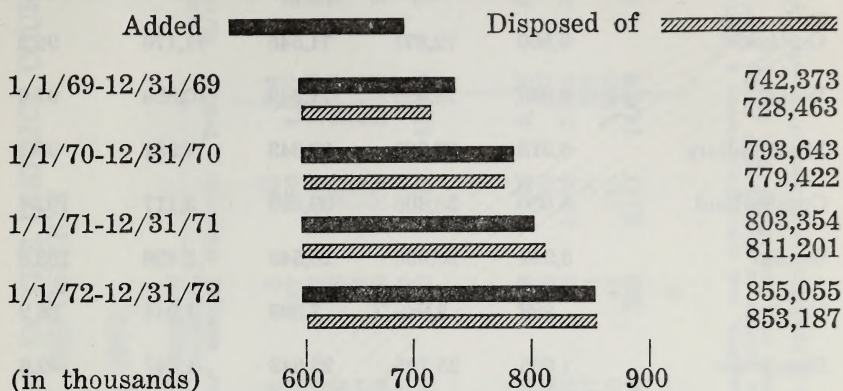
From year to year, the percentage breakdown for the types of cases handled and the manner of dispositions remains fairly constant. In 1972, 64.3% (643,870) of all criminal cases filed were for violations of the traffic laws. Other criminal offenses made up the remaining 35.7% (357,023). Only 10.7% of the cases disposed of were contested, requiring a full-fledged trial before a district court judge. A judge or magistrate disposed of 27.2% upon a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere*, and 44.8% were disposed of by a written appearance waiving trial and pleading guilty before a magistrate or clerk. Preliminary hearings constituted 1.9% of the criminal docket and the remaining 15.4% of total dispositions were terminated by other means.

Since mid-1971 the uniform traffic ticket and complaint has been in use by all law enforcement officials; the ticket contains detailed instructions on the use of the waiver procedure. In 1970, 63.0% of motor vehicle cases were disposed of by waiver; in 1971, 65.7% and in 1972, 69.4%. This improvement is encouraging, but there are still a few counties where this procedure is still not fully utilized; greater use of the waiver in those counties would tend to alleviate some courtroom congestion and delay.

All statistical measures continue to indicate more than satisfactory performance by the criminal district court. As already indicated, the ratio of criminal cases pending at the end of the year to dispositions for the year is 8.5. This ratio indicates that it would require about one month for the court to dispose of its criminal docket. This ratio for the majority of counties in fact falls below 8.5. There are only two counties in the State with ratios higher than 15.6; even in those counties it would require only about three months to dispose of all criminal cases pending.

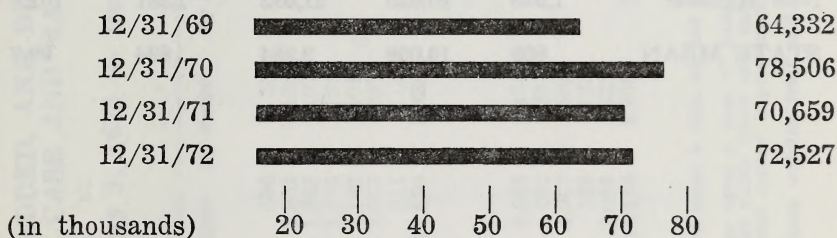
CRIMINAL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURT¹

January 1, 1969 - December 31, 1972



CRIMINAL CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURT¹

December 31, 1969 - December 31, 1972



DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CRIMINAL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

Number of Cases	Less than 100	101-300	301-500	501-1000	Over 1000
Number of Counties 1971	15	28	13	25	19
1972	14	31	11	27	17

¹—Includes the 83 counties where the district court has been operational for four or more years. The 17 counties (Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Iredell, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin) which were activated in December, 1970, are excluded.

TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CRIMINAL DOCKETS

County	Pending 1-1-72	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-72	Percent of Filings Disposed of
Guilford	9,850	72,871	71,545	11,176	98.2
Wake	8,640	74,056	71,843	10,853	97.0
Mecklenburg	6,313	83,967	82,343	7,937	98.1
Cumberland	4,050	38,406	39,339	3,117	102.4
Gaston	3,981	26,996	28,549	2,428	105.8
Union	888	8,949	7,893	1,944	88.2
Buncombe	1,665	25,745	25,643	1,767	99.6
Forsyth	691	50,557	49,485	1,763	97.9
Davidson	1,639	15,918	16,089	1,468	101.1
New Hanover	1,948	20,525	21,092	1,381	102.8
STATE MEAN	809	10,009	9,984	834	99.7

CRIMINAL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURTS BY TYPE OF CASE AND MANNER OF DISPOSITION

January 1, 1972 — December 31, 1972

	Pending 1/1/72	Cases Filed		Total	By Judge ¹	By Plea ²	Cases Disposed of			Pending 12/31/72	Gain or Loss
		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal				By Waiver ³	Preliminary Hearing	Otherwise		
1ST DISTRICT											
Camden	30	484	66	550	53	109	346	3	43	554	4
Chowan	207	1,278	704	1,982	188	520	832	187	250	1,977	5
Currituck	99	1,660	225	1,885	197	417	1,012	62	195	1,883	2
Dare	66	1,310	643	1,963	133	504	889	48	332	1,906	47
Gates	78	924	258	1,182	101	141	756	13	163	1,174	8
Pasquotank	122	2,124	943	3,067	233	767	1,469	239	336	3,044	23
Perquimans	70	712	199	911	118	178	565	8	58	927	16
TOTAL	672	8,492	3,038	11,530	1,023	2,636	5,869	560	1,377	11,465	65

2ND DISTRICT											
Beaufort	458	3,609	2,254	5,863	434	1,210	3,046	288	788	5,766	97
Hyde	17	420	250	670	231	137	266	0	33	667	3
Martin	261	3,325	1,642	4,967	589	793	2,503	52	1,088	5,025	58
Tyrrell	14	404	125	529	128	169	207	1	20	525	4
Washington	31	990	1,094	2,084	323	296	1,216	42	218	2,095	11
TOTAL	781	8,748	5,365	14,113	1,705	2,605	7,238	383	2,147	14,078	35

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	Pending 1/1/72	Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Judge ¹	By Plea ²	By Waiver ³	Preliminary Hearing	Otherwise			Total
3RD DISTRICT												
Carteret	379	4,218	2,322	6,540	662	2,212	2,453	128	1,137	6,592	327	52
Craven	592	5,915	3,689	9,604	1,207	3,199	3,599	517	1,059	9,581	615	+ 23
Pamlico	214	870	401	1,271	234	540	589	17	32	1,412	73	+ 141
Pitt	1,371	9,334	6,646	15,980	1,758	5,564	5,735	383	2,537	15,977	1,374	+ 3
TOTAL	2,556	20,337	13,058	33,395	3,861	11,515	12,376	1,045	4,765	33,562	2,389	- 167
4TH DISTRICT												
Duplin	826	5,355	2,770	8,125	1,846	1,743	3,865	91	754	8,299	652	- 174
Jones	131	1,004	484	1,488	387	180	638	20	268	1,493	126	- 5
Onslow	1,126	10,559	8,441	19,000	991	7,470	5,862	351	4,284	18,958	1,168	+ 42
Sampson	851	5,003	2,626	7,629	1,323	1,828	4,183	129	410	7,873	607	+ 244
TOTAL	2,934	21,921	14,321	36,242	4,547	11,221	14,548	591	5,716	36,623	2,553	- 381
5TH DISTRICT												
New Hanover	1,948	11,727	8,798	20,525	7,234	780	8,773	2,076	2,229	21,092	1,381	- 567
Pender	307	2,905	974	3,879	259	1,335	1,546	79	531	3,750	436	+ 129
TOTAL	2,255	14,632	9,772	24,404	7,493	2,115	10,319	2,155	2,760	24,842	1,817	- 438
6TH DISTRICT												
Bertie	146	2,365	650	3,015	295	481	2,119	15	147	3,057	104	- 42
Halifax	333	5,385	3,685	9,070	591	3,577	2,920	142	1,507	8,737	666	+ 333
Hertford	195	2,209	1,086	3,295	192	999	1,509	50	541	3,291	199	+ 4
Northampton	91	1,586	886	2,472	212	895	980	28	377	2,492	71	+ 20
TOTAL	765	11,545	6,307	17,852	1,290	5,952	7,528	235	2,572	17,577	1,040	- 275

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	Pending 1/1/72	Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Judge ¹	By Plea ²	By Waiver ³	Preliminary Hearing	Otherwise	Total
7TH DISTRICT										
Edgcombe	411	5,691	3,358	9,049	806	2,876	3,966	142	1,134	8,924
Nash	412	8,362	3,643	12,005	842	3,045	6,420	154	1,529	11,990
Wilson	857	6,774	3,122	9,896	661	2,041	5,400	218	1,463	9,783
TOTAL	1,680	20,827	10,123	30,950	2,309	7,962	15,786	514	4,126	30,697
8TH DISTRICT										
Greene	87	1,813	759	2,572	230	717	1,249	18	354	2,568
Lenoir	595	8,167	4,501	12,668	1,131	4,147	5,286	212	1,784	12,560
Wayne	833	12,158	4,630	16,788	981	5,196	8,274	223	1,966	16,640
TOTAL	1,515	22,138	9,890	32,028	2,342	10,060	14,809	453	4,104	31,768
9TH DISTRICT										
Franklin	716	3,858	1,161	5,019	275	1,136	2,784	70	1,206	5,471
Granville	332	3,920	1,538	5,458	371	1,708	2,627	94	527	5,327
Person	273	2,858	1,379	4,237	355	1,035	2,226	71	572	4,259
Vance	252	4,207	2,793	7,000	1,295	1,191	3,375	295	649	6,805
Warren	163	1,859	1,099	2,958	312	957	1,304	75	330	2,978
TOTAL	1,736	16,702	7,970	24,672	2,608	6,027	12,316	605	3,284	24,840
10TH DISTRICT										
Wake	8,640	46,289	27,767	74,056	6,261	14,082	35,769	758	14,973	71,843
										10,853
										+2,213

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11TH DISTRICT												
Harnett	850	6,917	4,260	11,177	197	4,014	4,771	85	1,620	10,687	1,340	+ 490
Johnston	1,422	9,651	5,129	14,780	2,223	3,718	6,484	131	2,470	15,026	1,176	- 246
Lee	510	4,332	3,157	7,489	453	1,963	3,497	148	1,163	7,224	775	+ 265
TOTAL	2,782	20,900	12,546	33,446	2,873	9,695	14,752	364	5,253	32,937	3,291	+ 509
12TH DISTRICT												
Cumberland	4,050	24,067	14,339	38,406	2,481	12,351	14,236	552	9,719	39,339	3,117	- 933
Hoke	252	2,197	1,342	3,539	141	1,314	1,722	71	417	3,665	126	- 126
TOTAL	4,302	26,264	15,681	41,945	2,622	13,665	15,958	623	10,136	43,004	3,243	-1,059
13TH DISTRICT												
Bladen	1,035	5,029	1,802	6,831	923	2,621	3,408	109	328	7,389	477	- 558
Brunswick	765	4,038	2,337	6,375	2,021	1,627	2,653	15	271	6,587	553	- 212
Columbus	1,072	5,820	4,393	10,213	1,341	4,438	3,487	354	958	10,578	707	- 365
TOTAL	2,872	14,887	8,532	23,419	4,285	8,686	9,548	478	1,557	24,554	1,737	-1,135
14TH DISTRICT												
Durham	1,240	17,302	8,390	25,692	2,686	8,848	8,744	366	5,566	26,210	722	- 518
15TH DISTRICT												
Alamance	1,017	11,262	5,742	17,004	3,566	3,495	7,229	55	2,686	17,031	990	- 27
Chatham	281	4,220	1,387	5,607	599	1,542	2,888	10	516	5,555	333	+ 52
Orange	561	6,494	2,757	9,251	968	1,924	4,492	94	1,880	9,358	454	- 107
TOTAL	1,859	21,976	9,886	31,862	5,133	6,961	14,609	159	5,082	31,944	1,777	- 82

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	Pending 1/1/72	Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal	Total	By Judge ¹	By Plea ² By Waiver ³	Preliminary Hearing	Otherwise		
16TH DISTRICT										
Robeson	976	9,992	6,162	16,154	982	6,793	5,503	240	982	6
Scotland	306	2,853	2,181	5,034	597	1,924	1,745	137	218	88
TOTAL	1,282	12,845	8,343	21,188	1,579	8,717	7,248	377	1,200	82
17TH DISTRICT										
Caswell	530	1,961	808	2,769	306	653	1,605	35	250	280
Rockingham	1,085	8,752	4,527	13,279	1,282	3,716	5,823	675	1,158	73
Stokes	186	2,020	1,344	3,364	484	1,171	1,344	49	330	14
Surry	749	5,550	2,795	8,345	1,393	2,432	3,296	17	1,157	50
TOTAL	2,550	18,283	9,474	27,757	3,465	7,972	12,068	776	2,379	171
18TH DISTRICT										
Guilford—										
Greensboro	6,157	35,856	17,523	53,379	2,719	19,746	22,789	941	7,192	+1,035
High Point	3,693	12,263	7,229	19,492	1,224	5,483	10,452	211	3,984	+291
TOTAL	9,850	48,119	24,752	72,871	3,943	25,229	33,241	1,152	11,176	+1,326
19TH DISTRICT										
Cabarrus	773	8,499	4,670	13,169	1,598	3,232	6,629	285	772	1
Montgomery	333	3,293	2,213	5,506	519	795	2,710	174	654	+321
Randolph	710	10,281	3,071	13,352	1,120	3,425	6,817	161	1,696	+133
Rowan	628	9,136	4,530	13,666	1,493	2,415	7,320	292	778	+150
TOTAL	2,444	31,209	14,484	45,693	4,730	9,867	23,476	912	3,047	+603

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20TH DISTRICT												
Anson	291	3,199	1,773	4,972	516	909	2,716	87	738	4,966	297	6
Moore	1,135	4,536	2,579	7,115	477	1,645	4,366	197	1,201	7,886	364	—
Richmond	737	4,307	2,447	6,754	104	2,441	2,626	291	1,031	6,493	998	261
Stanly	518	4,649	2,234	6,883	254	1,444	4,031	117	773	6,619	782	264
Union	888	6,293	2,656	8,949	1,022	1,837	4,125	227	682	7,893	1,944	—
TOTAL	3,569	22,984	11,689	34,673	2,373	8,276	17,864	919	4,425	33,857	4,385	816
21ST DISTRICT												
Forsyth	691	37,079	13,478	50,557	5,425	7,576	27,903	702	7,879	49,485	1,763	1,072
22ND DISTRICT												
Alexander	142	1,863	1,097	2,960	976	23	1,635	26	175	2,835	267	125
Davidson	1,639	11,356	4,562	15,918	3,076	2,528	8,392	180	1,913	16,089	1,468	171
Davie	372	3,494	489	3,983	320	568	2,872	61	349	4,170	185	187
Iredell	756	8,926	2,963	11,889	3,823	0	5,677	174	2,201	11,875	770	14
TOTAL	2,909	25,639	9,111	34,750	8,195	3,119	18,576	441	4,638	34,969	2,690	219
23RD DISTRICT												
Alleghany	18	516	217	733	101	316	252	6	36	711	40	22
Ashe	32	1,229	581	1,810	243	609	540	39	293	1,724	118	86
Wilkes	463	4,006	2,296	6,302	1,064	1,289	2,316	52	1,512	6,283	532	69
Yadkin	166	2,061	987	3,048	503	583	1,502	59	257	2,904	310	144
TOTAL	679	7,812	4,081	11,893	1,911	2,797	4,610	156	2,098	11,572	1,000	321

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24TH DISTRICT												
Avery	118	1,815	627	2,442	669	291	1,370	38	70	2,438	122	+
Madison	119	1,502	353	1,855	241	97	1,102	59	345	1,844	130	+
Mitchell	49	941	561	1,502	317	430	714	9	34	1,504	47	—
Watauga	179	2,514	967	3,481	193	914	1,956	96	401	3,560	100	—
Yancey	175	1,286	546	1,832	165	188	1,338	39	209	1,939	68	—
TOTAL	640	8,058	3,054	11,112	1,585	1,920	6,480	241	1,059	11,285	467	—
25TH DISTRICT												
Burke	943	6,401	3,968	10,369	1,782	1,434	4,481	109	2,749	10,555	757	—
Caldwell	1,929	6,592	4,076	10,668	2,002	4,320	4,098	323	1,168	11,911	686	—
Catawba	1,439	11,519	8,723	20,242	1,037	7,514	7,733	330	3,762	20,376	1,305	—
TOTAL	4,311	24,512	16,767	41,279	4,821	13,268	16,312	762	7,679	42,842	2,748	—
26TH DISTRICT												
Mecklenburg	6,313	46,314	37,653	83,967	4,153	28,293	32,203	1,528	16,166	82,343	7,937	+
27TH DISTRICT												
Cleveland	282	8,776	4,352	13,128	2,846	3,136	6,075	127	160	12,344	1,066	+
Gaston	3,981	16,004	10,992	26,996	2,620	9,329	10,329	430	5,841	28,549	2,428	—
Lincoln	90	3,497	1,842	5,339	581	1,636	1,976	80	886	5,159	270	+
TOTAL	4,353	28,277	17,186	45,463	6,047	14,101	18,380	637	6,887	46,052	3,764	—
28TH DISTRICT												
Buncombe	1,665	16,535	9,210	25,745	1,695	8,799	11,401	731	3,017	25,643	1,767	+

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		Motor Vehicle	Other Criminal				Preliminary Hearing	Otherwise				
29TH DISTRICT												
Henderson	572	4,102	2,157	6,259	470	1,766	3,098	119	924	6,377	454	- 118
McDowell	604	2,906	1,660	4,566	463	878	2,379	163	999	4,887	283	- 321
Polk	141	1,032	408	1,440	218	183	913	10	152	1,476	105	- 36
Rutherford	456	3,940	3,441	7,381	2,004	1,840	2,735	124	507	7,210	627	+ 171
Transylvania	205	1,243	1,033	2,276	333	768	977	30	221	2,329	152	- 53
TOTAL	1,978	13,223	8,699	21,922	3,488	5,435	10,102	451	2,803	22,279	1,621	- 357
30TH DISTRICT												
Cherokee	231	1,375	961	2,336	115	297	1,378	20	549	2,359	208	- 23
Clay	20	357	118	475	115	91	243	0	1	450	45	- 25
Graham	143	560	457	1,017	222	211	492	0	0	925	235	+ 92
Haywood	158	4,129	1,972	6,101	679	1,700	2,681	97	870	6,027	232	+ 74
Jackson	124	1,443	1,132	2,575	375	717	866	34	554	2,546	153	+ 29
Macon	270	1,203	588	1,791	305	276	921	15	381	1,898	163	- 107
Swain	137	954	1,168	2,122	145	1,189	417	15	314	2,080	179	+ 42
TOTAL	1,083	10,021	6,396	16,417	1,956	4,481	6,998	181	2,669	16,285	1,215	+ 132
Group I	70,659	544,392	310,663	855,055	86,408	239,326	376,900	16,239	134,314	853,187	72,527	+ 1,868
Percent		63.7	36.3	100.0	10.1	28.1	44.2	1.9	15.7	100.0		
Group II	10,247	99,478	46,360	145,838	19,996	32,554	70,131	3,016	19,505	145,202	10,883	+ 636
Percent		68.2	31.8	100.0	13.8	22.4	48.3	2.1	13.4	100.0		
GRAND TOTAL	80,906	643,870	357,023	1,000,893	106,404	271,880	447,031	19,255	153,819	998,389	83,410	+ 2,504
Percent		64.3	35.7	100.0	10.7	27.2	44.8	1.9	15.4	100.0		

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OFFENSES AND CONDITIONS ALLEGED IN JUVENILE PETITIONS AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN BEFORE COURT FOR FIRST TIME*

January 1, 1972 — December 31, 1972

	Offenses				Conditions			Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time	
	Capital	Delinquent		Total	Undisciplined		Dependent Neglected			
		Other Felony	Misdemeanor		Truancy	Other				Total
1ST DISTRICT										
Camden	0	0	4	0	4	1	0	1	5	
Chowan	0	0	20	0	20	0	0	3	23	
Currituck	0	5	7	0	12	6	7	7	15	
Dare	0	1	22	0	23	0	0	0	26	
Gates	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	14	
Pasquotank	0	18	80	1	99	12	2	12	85	
Perquimans	0	1	1	2	4	1	0	1	6	
TOTAL	0	25	138	3	166	20	11	24	174	
2ND DISTRICT										
Beaufort	0	7	56	10	73	21	6	27	75	
Hyde	0	0	8	1	9	2	0	2	12	
Martin	0	1	28	1	30	14	17	31	67	
Tyrrell	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	5	
Washington	0	3	23	4	30	2	0	2	30	
TOTAL	0	11	115	16	142	43	23	66	189	

* The data in all columns but the last indicates the total number of offenses alleged to have been committed and conditions alleged to have existed during the year. This data does not indicate the actual number of children before the court, since one petition may include several offenses or conditions and more than one petition may have been filed against a child during the year.

The last column, entitled "Children Before Court for First Time," is included here for convenience of format, but it is not otherwise related to the data in the other columns. This column does indicate the actual number of children in all categories of jurisdiction who were before the court for the first time during 1972.

	Offenses					Conditions			Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time			
	Delinquent		Probation		Total	Undisciplined		Dependent			Neglected		
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde-meanor	Violation		Truancy	Other					Total	
3RD DISTRICT													
Carteret	0	9	27	13	49	14	14	28	11	10	98	78	
Craven	0	16	101	45	162	11	26	37	1	16	216	138	
Pamlico	0	0	22	0	22	2	0	2	0	0	24	20	
Pitt	1	8	223	25	257	63	26	89	23	44	413	255	
TOTAL	1	33	373	83	490	90	66	156	35	70	751	491	
4TH DISTRICT													
Duplin	1	9	46	2	58	11	18	29	11	12	110	67	
Jones	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	2	3	10	9	
Onslow	5	38	125	22	190	22	26	48	14	67	319	206	
Sampson	0	1	70	9	80	12	3	15	3	9	107	97	
TOTAL	6	48	246	33	333	45	47	92	30	91	546	379	
5TH DISTRICT													
New Hanover	0	40	423	137	600	63	38	101	27	34	762	383	
Pender	0	10	11	0	21	0	4	4	8	11	44	30	
TOTAL	0	50	434	137	621	63	42	105	35	45	806	413	
6TH DISTRICT													
Bertie	0	12	20	2	34	5	2	7	1	2	44	39	
Halifax	0	25	101	8	134	19	10	29	9	28	200	128	
Hertford	0	8	11	0	19	0	3	3	0	2	24	16	
Northampton	0	0	35	0	37	5	9	14	1	2	54	52	
TOTAL	0	47	167	10	224	29	24	53	11	34	322	235	

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	Delinquent		Total	Undisciplined		Dependent	Neglected					
	Capital	Other Felony		Truancy	Other					Total		
7TH DISTRICT												
Edgecombe	0	26	87	21	134	6	25	31	4	9	178	103
Nash	2	15	60	18	95	27	18	45	19	14	173	123
Wilson	0	95	103	2	200	19	10	29	24	15	268	134
TOTAL	2	136	250	41	429	52	53	105	47	38	619	360
8TH DISTRICT												
Greene	0	0	19	5	24	8	1	9	0	5	38	38
Lenoir	4	8	206	47	265	22	18	40	2	23	330	203
Wayne	0	8	125	49	182	64	21	85	25	22	314	226
TOTAL	4	16	350	101	471	94	40	134	27	50	682	467
9TH DISTRICT												
Franklin	0	7	33	3	43	6	4	10	18	22	93	55
Granville	0	28	33	9	70	9	7	16	3	8	97	59
Person	0	22	17	8	47	14	6	20	9	18	94	54
Vance	0	5	50	5	60	16	19	35	10	5	110	106
Warren	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	3	2	8	8
TOTAL	0	64	133	25	222	45	37	82	43	55	402	282
10TH DISTRICT												
Wake	1	77	475	71	624	38	110	148	21	17	810	566
11TH DISTRICT												
Harnett	0	12	50	14	76	51	19	70	17	6	169	131
Johnston	0	1	125	31	157	33	6	39	17	23	240	151
Lee	0	20	94	18	132	47	36	83	26	13	254	118
TOTAL	0	33	269	63	365	131	61	192	60	46	663	400

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	Delinquent		Probation Violation	Total	Undisciplined		Dependent Neglected					
	Capital	Other Felony			Misdemeanor	Truancy				Other	Total	
12TH DISTRICT												
Cumberland	1	43	312	70	426	61	182	243	258	201	1,128	759
Hoke	0	3	13	2	18	4	2	6	12	1	37	28
TOTAL	1	46	325	72	444	65	184	249	270	202	1,165	787
13TH DISTRICT												
Bladen	1	4	28	4	37	13	3	16	0	18	71	58
Brunswick	0	4	50	0	54	2	6	8	0	6	68	68
Columbus	0	14	27	23	64	47	25	72	7	32	175	132
TOTAL	1	22	105	27	155	62	34	96	7	56	314	258
14TH DISTRICT												
Durham	0	82	238	53	373	37	96	133	98	59	663	193
15TH DISTRICT												
Alamance	7	58	253	33	351	32	52	84	32	79	546	212
Chatham	0	0	32	0	32	10	5	15	0	6	53	42
Orange	0	16	60	2	78	4	6	10	3	17	108	114
TOTAL	7	74	345	35	461	46	63	109	35	102	707	368
16TH DISTRICT												
Robeson	3	86	142	52	283	80	58	138	52	44	517	315
Scotland	0	25	89	16	130	17	22	39	17	7	193	124
TOTAL	3	111	231	68	413	97	80	177	69	51	710	439

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	Capital	Other Felony	Misde-meanor	Probation Violation	Total	Undisciplined		Dependent	Neglected			
						Truancy	Other			Total		
17TH DISTRICT												
Caswell	0	1	5	0	6	5	6	11	8	21	46	39
Rockingham	2	18	83	27	130	30	15	45	49	76	300	216
Stokes	0	3	12	0	15	19	6	25	1	1	42	35
Surry	0	7	33	9	49	27	5	32	3	22	106	110
TOTAL	2	29	133	36	200	81	32	113	61	120	494	400
18TH DISTRICT												
Guilford—	2	204	443	247	896	90	284	374	87	104	1,461	641
Greensboro	0	9	149	15	173	34	26	60	16	8	257	399
High Point	2	213	592	262	1,069	124	310	434	103	112	1,718	1,040
19TH DISTRICT												
Cabarrus	0	9	149	15	173	34	26	60	16	8	257	195
Montgomery	0	0	18	2	20	32	4	36	1	8	65	50
Randolph	0	1	105	6	112	27	18	45	1	19	177	151
Rowan	0	19	99	24	142	45	45	90	48	83	363	275
TOTAL	0	29	371	47	447	138	93	231	66	118	862	671
20TH DISTRICT												
Anson	0	1	22	2	25	17	11	28	0	1	54	55
Moore	1	10	48	15	74	30	9	39	4	9	126	75
Richmond	1	16	30	18	65	47	26	73	10	21	169	111
Stanly	0	4	64	8	76	22	5	27	2	28	133	65
Union	0	13	75	2	90	9	13	22	2	17	139	137
TOTAL	2	44	239	45	330	125	64	189	26	76	621	443

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	Delinquent		Probation Violation	Total	Undisciplined		Dependent Neglected					
	Capital	Other Felony			Truancy	Other				Total		
21ST DISTRICT												
Forsyth	0	23	322	12	357	66	128	194	46	55	652	388
22ND DISTRICT												
Alexander	0	0	43	1	44	12	0	12	0	5	61	66
Davidson	0	7	134	25	166	40	19	59	39	20	284	278
Davie	0	0	9	0	9	0	1	1	4	12	26	19
Iredell	0	30	122	14	166	49	37	86	5	62	319	238
TOTAL	0	37	308	40	385	101	57	158	48	99	690	601
23RD DISTRICT												
Alleghany	0	0	9	0	9	0	1	1	1	2	13	13
Ashe	0	2	11	0	13	1	0	1	2	11	27	23
Wilkes	0	0	74	17	91	44	18	62	18	83	254	193
Yadkin	0	1	33	2	36	1	2	3	3	1	43	36
TOTAL	0	3	127	19	149	46	21	67	24	97	337	265
24TH DISTRICT												
Avery	0	2	25	10	37	3	7	10	5	17	69	44
Madison	0	0	7	3	10	10	2	12	5	11	38	34
Mitchell	0	0	7	0	7	6	2	8	0	2	17	17
Watauga	0	6	25	1	32	6	6	12	2	7	53	39
Yancey	0	5	9	0	14	2	5	7	3	4	28	28
TOTAL	0	13	73	14	100	27	22	49	15	41	205	162

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	Delinquent		Probation Violation	Total	Undisciplined		Dependent Neglected					
	Capital	Other Felony			Truancy	Other		Total				
25TH DISTRICT												
Burke	0	13	39	9	61	22	12	34	21	53	169	133
Caldwell	0	1	86	27	114	71	18	89	18	30	227	167
Catawba	0	18	124	24	166	34	25	59	20	36	275	183
TOTAL	0	32	249	60	341	127	55	182	59	89	671	483
26TH DISTRICT												
Mecklenburg	3	690	1,197	244	2,134	82	329	411	214	40	2,799	1,124
27TH DISTRICT												
Cleveland	0	6	161	25	192	18	42	60	11	14	277	145
Gaston	0	77	415	32	524	26	125	151	91	58	824	358
Lincoln	0	6	49	3	58	18	9	27	4	19	108	60
TOTAL	0	89	625	60	774	62	176	238	106	91	1,209	563
28TH DISTRICT												
Buncombe	0	33	329	70	432	52	118	170	8	158	768	566
29TH DISTRICT												
Henderson	0	31	95	70	196	63	41	104	43	32	375	158
McDowell	0	4	33	3	40	7	11	18	10	6	74	69
Polk	0	0	5	0	5	2	0	2	3	14	24	27
Rutherford	0	3	85	53	141	8	6	14	1	8	164	80
Transylvania	0	7	20	4	31	6	6	12	15	8	66	61
TOTAL	0	45	238	130	413	86	64	150	72	68	703	395

30TH DISTRICT

Cherokee	0	9	17	0	26	0	2	2	0	0	10	38	35
Clay	0	0	19	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	20
Graham	0	0	59	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	59
Haywood	0	9	29	2	40	5	10	15	0	9	53	64	53
Jackson	0	6	22	0	28	5	0	5	1	5	24	39	40
Macon	0	2	17	0	19	4	0	4	0	1	24	24	24
Swain	0	0	5	0	5	1	1	2	1	0	8	8	8
TOTAL	0	26	168	2	196	15	13	28	2	26	252	239	239
GRAND TOTAL	35	2,181	9,165	1,879	13,260	2,089	2,446	4,535	1,657	2,173	21,625	13,341	13,341
Percent	.3	16.4	69.1	14.2	100%	46.1	53.9	100%	7.7	10.0	100%		
Percent					61.3			21.0					

JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS — ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS IN THE DISTRICT COURT*

January 1, 1972 — December 31, 1972

	Delinquency Hearings		Undisciplined Hearings		Dependency Hearings		Neglect Hearings		Total
	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	
1ST DISTRICT									
Camden	2	2	4	1	0	1	0	0	5
Chowan	20	1	21	2	0	2	0	2	25
Currituck	9	6	15	6	0	6	0	0	28
Dare	9	25	34	0	0	0	2	0	36
Gates	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	14
Pasquotank	50	32	82	14	0	14	2	2	102
Perquimans	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	9
TOTAL	93	74	167	23	0	23	11	16	219
2ND DISTRICT									
Beaufort	52	23	75	14	13	27	0	22	129
Hyde	3	6	9	1	1	2	1	0	12
Martin	16	11	27	18	13	31	6	10	79
Tyrrell	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	1	6
Washington	10	16	26	2	0	2	1	3	37
TOTAL	81	56	137	37	29	66	8	41	263
3RD DISTRICT									
Carteret	28	26	54	29	12	41	10	6	125
Craven	149	58	207	61	16	77	3	21	315
Pamlico	6	12	18	4	4	8	0	0	26
Pitt	444	90	534	144	34	178	26	31	780
TOTAL	627	186	813	238	66	304	39	58	1,246

* This table indicates the total number of adjudicatory hearings held in each category of juvenile jurisdiction during the year. Juvenile petitions may be dismissed either for failure to prove that the child is delinquent, undisciplined, dependent or neglected or, if he is found to be so, because the child is not in need of the care, protection or discipline of the State. All cases dismissed for either of these reasons are counted in the "dismissed" column; all other cases are counted in the "retained" column.

	Delinquency Hearings		Undisciplined Hearings		Dependency Hearings		Neglect Hearings		Total				
	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed					
4TH DISTRICT													
Duplin	37	19	56	26	4	30	17	0	17	9	4	13	116
Jones	4	1	5	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	3	10
Onslow	128	45	173	34	9	43	6	4	10	34	9	43	269
Sampson	46	75	121	16	18	34	6	4	10	6	6	12	177
TOTAL	215	140	355	76	31	107	30	9	39	50	21	71	572
5TH DISTRICT													
New Hanover	514	86	600	97	4	101	27	0	27	31	3	34	762
Pender	7	10	17	1	0	1	0	5	5	14	3	17	40
TOTAL	521	96	617	98	4	102	27	5	32	45	6	51	802
6TH DISTRICT													
Bertie	39	1	40	13	2	15	0	1	1	1	0	1	57
Halifax	86	50	136	27	9	36	12	3	15	21	6	27	214
Hertford	7	17	24	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	30
Northampton	30	16	46	3	1	4	0	1	1	3	0	3	54
TOTAL	162	84	246	43	16	59	12	5	17	25	8	33	355
7TH DISTRICT													
Edgecombe	106	18	124	26	3	29	3	0	3	8	2	10	166
Nash	102	31	133	23	19	42	21	11	32	7	4	11	218
Wilson	160	25	185	20	3	23	24	0	24	13	2	15	247
TOTAL	368	74	442	69	25	94	48	11	59	28	8	36	631
8TH DISTRICT													
Greene	12	8	20	8	0	8	0	0	0	5	0	5	33
Lenoir	172	77	249	35	1	36	2	0	2	13	4	17	304
Wayne	120	48	168	77	5	82	9	14	23	19	5	24	297
TOTAL	304	133	437	120	6	126	11	14	25	37	9	46	634

	Delinquency Hearings		Undisciplined Hearings		Dependency Hearings		Neglect Hearings		Total	
	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed		
9TH DISTRICT										
Franklin	26	5	31	7	0	7	17	0	20	75
Granville	17	10	27	17	1	18	3	0	13	61
Person	13	34	47	16	4	20	4	5	9	94
Vance	59	1	60	30	3	33	10	0	10	108
Warren	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	3	0	7
TOTAL	115	52	167	70	9	79	34	8	42	345
10TH DISTRICT										
Wake	683	207	890	163	24	187	40	4	44	1,139
11TH DISTRICT										
Harnett	53	71	124	50	81	131	3	19	22	302
Johnston	94	41	135	42	19	61	13	6	19	248
Lee	163	44	207	10	19	29	2	3	5	257
TOTAL	310	156	466	102	119	221	18	28	46	807
12TH DISTRICT										
Cumberland	193	105	298	176	58	234	206	24	230	979
Hoke	12	6	18	5	2	7	11	0	11	38
TOTAL	205	111	316	181	60	241	217	24	241	1,017
13TH DISTRICT										
Bladen	33	9	42	11	2	13	0	0	0	74
Brunswick	45	9	54	6	2	8	0	0	0	68
Columbus	43	36	79	84	11	95	14	5	19	244
TOTAL	121	54	175	101	15	116	14	5	19	388

	Delinquency Hearings		Undisciplined Hearings		Dependency Hearings		Neglect Hearings		Total				
	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed	Retained	Dismissed					
14TH DISTRICT													
Durham	191	194	385	74	57	131	97	12	109	35	17	52	677
15TH DISTRICT													
Alamance	342	33	375	78	5	83	29	4	33	70	6	76	567
Chatham	32	6	38	12	1	13	0	0	0	3	0	3	54
Orange	85	34	119	17	7	24	3	0	3	19	6	25	171
TOTAL	459	73	532	107	13	120	32	4	36	92	12	104	792
16TH DISTRICT													
Robeson	164	13	177	76	1	77	39	13	52	38	5	43	349
Scotland	110	20	130	33	2	35	21	0	21	7	0	7	193
TOTAL	274	33	307	109	3	112	60	13	73	45	5	50	542
17TH DISTRICT													
Caswell	4	1	5	11	0	11	7	0	7	13	5	18	41
Rockingham	98	24	122	35	5	40	30	1	31	67	5	72	265
Stokes	42	3	45	38	1	39	0	0	0	14	1	15	99
Surry	24	16	40	25	0	25	4	0	4	20	2	22	91
TOTAL	168	44	212	109	6	115	41	1	42	114	13	127	496
18TH DISTRICT													
Guilford—													
Greensboro	403	174	577	197	63	260	72	16	88	63	42	105	1,030
High Point	289	76	365	171	28	199	33	11	44	96	38	134	742
TOTAL	692	250	942	368	91	459	105	27	132	159	80	239	1,772

	Delinquency Hearings		Undisciplined Hearings		Dependency Hearings		Neglect Hearings		Total
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total
19TH DISTRICT									
Cabarrus	149	25	174	43	8	51	15	0	15
Montgomery	20	11	31	76	29	105	7	0	7
Randolph	72	21	93	37	9	46	2	0	2
Rowan	140	59	199	102	42	144	49	13	62
TOTAL	381	116	497	258	88	346	73	13	86
20TH DISTRICT									
Anson	18	7	25	17	8	25	0	0	0
Moore	60	28	88	25	3	28	2	1	3
Richmond	51	3	54	65	17	82	9	5	14
Stanly	65	6	71	26	5	31	2	0	2
Union	54	31	85	16	5	21	7	6	13
TOTAL	248	75	323	149	38	187	20	12	32
21ST DISTRICT									
Forsyth	282	108	390	115	34	149	51	4	55
22ND DISTRICT									
Alexander	20	20	40	8	5	13	0	0	0
Davidson	131	40	171	53	1	54	29	3	32
Davie	29	18	47	0	2	2	0	1	1
Iredell	108	42	150	65	12	77	10	1	11
TOTAL	288	120	408	126	20	146	39	5	44
23RD DISTRICT									
Alleghany	8	1	9	1	0	1	1	0	1
Ashe	8	5	13	2	1	3	2	0	2
Wilkes	64	44	108	57	8	65	22	3	25
Yadkin	28	8	36	3	0	3	2	1	3
TOTAL	108	58	166	63	9	72	27	4	31

	Delinquency Hearings		Undisciplined Hearings		Dependency Hearings		Neglect Hearings		Total				
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed		Total			
24TH DISTRICT													
Avery	50	25	75	38	26	64	1	1	2	20	4	24	165
Madison	4	7	11	16	3	19	16	3	19	13	2	15	64
Mitchell	4	4	8	5	2	7	0	0	0	2	0	2	17
Watauga	16	12	28	8	1	9	2	0	2	6	1	7	46
Yancey	15	6	21	8	3	11	4	0	4	6	0	6	42
TOTAL	89	54	143	75	35	110	23	4	27	47	7	54	334
25TH DISTRICT													
Burke	93	44	137	55	5	60	19	3	22	82	11	93	312
Caldwell	71	34	105	60	29	89	10	9	19	1	3	4	217
Catawba	141	37	178	45	6	51	11	2	13	32	16	48	290
TOTAL	305	115	420	160	40	200	40	14	54	115	30	145	819
26TH DISTRICT													
Mecklenburg	2,821	220	3,041	299	20	319	208	2	210	32	1	33	3,603
27TH DISTRICT													
Cleveland	128	55	183	51	4	55	11	0	11	14	0	14	263
Gaston	190	68	258	86	12	98	46	3	49	58	1	59	464
Lincoln	34	24	58	19	7	26	5	2	7	19	4	23	114
TOTAL	352	147	499	156	23	179	62	5	67	91	5	96	841
28TH DISTRICT													
Buncombe	368	264	632	137	62	199	3	0	3	105	117	222	1,056

29TH DISTRICT

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30TH DISTRICT

	21	6	27	2	1	3	0	0	0	9	1	10	40
Cherokee	21	6	27	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	10	
Clay	2	11	13	0	7	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	21
Graham	39	8	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Haywood	7	55	62	11	28	39	0	0	0	7	5	12	113
Jackson	13	7	20	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	23
Macon	12	1	13	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	16
Swain	5	6	11	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	13
TOTAL	99	94	193	15	36	51	3	1	4	19	6	25	273
GRAND TOTAL	11,196	3,514	14,710	3,714	1,065	4,779	1,423	289	1,712	1,963	632	2,595	23,796
Percent	76.1	23.9	100%	77.7	22.3	100%	83.1	16.9	100%	75.6	24.4	100%	
Percent		61.8			20.1			7.2				10.9	100%

DISTRICT COURT ACTIVITY IN MOTOR VEHICLE AND SMALL CLAIM CASES*

January 1, 1972 — December 31, 1972

	Percent of Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver ¹			Percent of Small Claim Cases Disposed of by Magistrate ¹		
	Motor Vehicle Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of by Waiver	Percent Disposed of by Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed of by Magistrate	Percent Disposed of by Magistrate
<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>						
Camden	484	346	71.5	118	124	105.1
Chowan	1,278	832	65.1	217	195	89.9
Currituck	1,660	1,012	61.0	180	157	87.2
Dare	1,310	889	67.9	111	152	136.9
Gates	924	756	81.8	177	146	82.5
Pasquotank	2,124	1,469	69.2	832	777	93.4
Perquimans	712	565	79.4	120	142	118.3
TOTAL	8,492	5,869	69.1	1,755	1,693	96.5
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>						
Beaufort	3,609	3,046	84.4	890	883	99.2
Hyde	420	266	63.3	43	47	109.3
Martin	3,325	2,503	75.3	556	537	96.6
Tyrrell	404	207	51.2	50	42	84.0
Washington	990	1,216	122.8	212	221	104.2
TOTAL	8,748	7,238	82.7	1,751	1,730	98.8
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>						
Carteret	4,218	2,453	58.2	328	334	101.8
Craven	5,915	3,599	60.8	464	567	122.2
Pamlico	870	589	67.7	109	111	101.8
Pitt	9,334	5,735	61.4	1,434	1,293	90.2
TOTAL	20,337	12,376	60.9	2,335	2,305	98.7
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>						
Duplin	5,355	3,865	72.2	833	892	107.1
Jones	1,004	638	63.5	79	84	106.3
Onslow	10,559	5,862	55.5	1,486	2,004	134.9
Sampson	5,003	4,183	83.6	835	801	95.9
TOTAL	21,921	14,548	66.4	3,233	3,781	117.0
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>						
New Hanover	11,727	8,773	74.8	1,519	1,396	91.9
Pender	2,905	1,546	53.2	355	325	91.5
TOTAL	14,632	10,319	70.5	1,874	1,721	91.8

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* These two tables are combined for convenience of format; they are not otherwise related.

Percent of Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver ¹			Percent of Small Claim Cases Disposed of by Magistrate ¹		
Motor Vehicle Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of by Waiver	Percent Disposed of by Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed of by Magistrate	Percent Disposed of by Magistrate

6TH DISTRICT

Bertie	2,365	2,119	89.6	360	350	97.2
Halifax	5,385	2,920	54.2	791	697	88.1
Hertford	2,209	1,509	68.3	317	291	91.8
Northampton	1,586	980	61.8	292	288	98.6
TOTAL	11,545	7,528	65.2	1,760	1,626	92.4

7TH DISTRICT

Edgecombe	5,691	3,966	69.7	1,305	1,386	106.2
Nash	8,362	6,420	76.8	1,031	1,009	97.9
Wilson	6,774	5,400	79.7	1,726	1,680	97.3
TOTAL	20,827	15,786	75.8	4,062	4,075	100.3

8TH DISTRICT

Greene	1,813	1,249	68.9	169	134	79.3
Lenoir	8,167	5,286	64.7	1,360	1,388	102.1
Wayne	12,158	8,274	68.1	1,135	1,157	101.9
TOTAL	22,138	14,809	66.9	2,664	2,679	100.6

9TH DISTRICT

Franklin	3,858	2,784	72.2	385	375	97.4
Granville	3,920	2,627	67.0	621	615	99.0
Person	2,858	2,226	77.9	771	594	77.0
Vance	4,207	3,375	80.2	1,118	955	85.4
Warren	1,859	1,304	70.1	260	285	109.6
TOTAL	16,702	12,316	73.7	3,155	2,824	89.5

10TH DISTRICT

Wake	46,289	35,769	77.3	6,651	6,457	97.1
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11TH DISTRICT

Harnett	6,917	4,771	69.0	880	841	95.6
Johnston	9,651	6,484	67.2	902	1,066	118.2
Lee	4,332	3,497	80.7	821	817	99.5
TOTAL	20,900	14,752	70.6	2,603	2,724	104.6

12TH DISTRICT

Cumberland	24,067	14,236	59.2	4,279	3,600	84.1
Hoke	2,197	1,722	78.4	151	149	98.7
TOTAL	26,264	15,958	60.8	4,430	3,749	84.6

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	Percent of Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver ¹			Percent of Small Claim Cases Disposed of by Magistrate ¹		
	Motor Vehicle Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of by Waiver	Percent Disposed of by Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed of by Magistrate	Percent Disposed of by Magistrate
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>						
Bladen	5,029	3,408	67.8	682	628	92.1
Brunswick	4,038	2,653	65.7	323	311	96.3
Columbus	5,820	3,487	59.9	670	624	93.1
TOTAL	14,887	9,548	64.1	1,675	1,563	93.3
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>						
Durham	17,302	8,744	50.5	4,763	4,241	89.0
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>						
Alamance	11,262	7,229	64.2	1,684	1,639	97.3
Chatham	4,220	2,888	68.4	764	574	75.1
Orange	6,494	4,492	69.2	450	422	93.8
TOTAL	21,976	14,609	66.5	2,898	2,635	90.9
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>						
Robeson	9,992	5,503	55.1	1,907	1,779	93.3
Scotland	2,853	1,745	61.2	511	550	107.6
TOTAL	12,845	7,248	56.4	2,418	2,329	96.3
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>						
Caswell	1,961	1,605	81.8	338	281	83.1
Rockingham	8,752	5,823	66.5	1,107	1,056	95.4
Stokes	2,020	1,344	66.5	402	424	105.5
Surry	5,550	3,296	59.4	2,241	1,593	71.1
TOTAL	18,283	12,068	66.0	4,088	3,354	82.0
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>						
Guilford—						
Greensboro	35,856	22,789	63.6	6,184	6,259	101.2
High Point	12,263	10,452	85.2	2,562	2,490	97.2
TOTAL	48,119	33,241	69.1	8,746	8,749	100.0
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>						
Cabarrus	8,499	6,629	78.0	1,045	810	77.5
Montgomery	3,293	2,710	82.3	296	297	100.3
Randolph	10,281	6,817	66.3	737	696	94.4
Rowan	9,136	7,320	80.1	1,040	1,000	96.2
TOTAL	31,209	23,476	75.2	3,118	2,803	89.9

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	Percent of Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver ¹			Percent of Small Claim Cases Disposed of by Magistrate ¹		
	Motor Vehicle Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of by Waiver	Percent Disposed of by Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed of by Magistrate	Percent Disposed of by Magistrate
20TH DISTRICT						
Anson	3,199	2,716	84.9	419	392	93.6
Moore	4,536	4,366	96.3	376	370	98.4
Richmond	4,307	2,626	61.0	517	567	109.7
Stanly	4,649	4,031	86.7	809	769	95.1
Union	6,293	4,125	65.5	793	586	73.9
TOTAL	22,984	17,864	77.7	2,914	2,684	92.1
21ST DISTRICT						
Forsyth	37,079	27,903	75.3	3,491	3,412	97.7
22ND DISTRICT						
Alexander	1,863	1,635	87.8	311	307	98.7
Davidson	11,356	8,392	73.9	1,008	979	97.1
Davie	3,494	2,872	82.2	128	133	103.9
Iredell	8,926	5,677	63.6	1,586	1,591	100.3
TOTAL	25,639	18,576	72.5	3,033	3,010	99.2
23RD DISTRICT						
Alleghany	516	252	48.8	99	104	105.1
Ashe	1,229	540	43.9	185	138	74.6
Wilkes	4,006	2,316	57.8	554	402	72.6
Yadkin	2,061	1,502	72.9	208	201	96.6
TOTAL	7,812	4,610	59.0	1,046	845	80.8
24TH DISTRICT						
Avery	1,815	1,370	75.5	44	51	115.9
Madison	1,502	1,102	73.4	16	19	118.8
Mitchell	941	714	75.9	43	46	107.0
Watauga	2,514	1,956	77.8	139	139	100.0
Yancey	1,286	1,338	104.0	50	54	108.0
TOTAL	8,058	6,480	80.4	292	309	105.8
25TH DISTRICT						
Burke	6,401	4,481	70.0	582	472	81.1
Caldwell	6,592	4,098	62.2	907	1,191	131.3
Catawba	11,519	7,733	67.1	896	828	92.4
TOTAL	24,512	16,312	66.5	2,385	2,491	104.4

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	Percent of Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed of by Waiver ¹			Percent of Small Claim Cases Disposed of by Magistrate ¹		
	Motor Vehicle Cases Filed	Cases Disposed of by Waiver	Percent Disposed of by Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed of by Magistrate	Percent Disposed of by Magistrate
26TH DISTRICT						
Mecklenburg	46,314	32,203	69.5	10,221	9,051	88.6
27TH DISTRICT						
Cleveland	8,776	6,075	69.2	1,291	1,330	103.0
Gaston	16,004	10,329	64.5	2,616	2,461	94.1
Lincoln	3,497	1,976	56.5	353	308	87.3
TOTAL	28,277	18,380	65.0	4,260	4,099	96.2
28TH DISTRICT						
Buncombe	16,535	11,401	69.0	1,299	1,341	103.2
29TH DISTRICT						
Henderson	4,102	3,098	75.5	235	187	79.6
McDowell	2,906	2,379	81.9	277	229	82.7
Polk	1,032	913	88.5	38	34	89.5
Rutherford	3,940	2,735	69.4	519	544	104.8
Transylvania	1,243	977	78.6	262	198	75.6
TOTAL	13,223	10,102	76.4	1,331	1,192	89.6
30TH DISTRICT						
Cherokee	1,375	1,378	100.2	196	94	48.0
Clay	357	243	68.1	43	48	111.6
Graham	560	492	87.9	61	73	119.7
Haywood	4,129	2,681	64.9	278	286	102.9
Jackson	1,443	866	60.0	91	90	98.9
Macon	1,203	921	76.6	67	66	98.5
Swain	954	417	43.7	40	19	47.5
TOTAL	10,021	6,998	69.8	776	676	87.1
Group I	544,392	376,900	69.2	82,443	78,795	95.6
Group II	99,478	70,131	70.5	12,584	11,353	90.2
GRAND TOTAL	643,870	447,031	69.4	95,027	90,148	94.9

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DAYS OF COURT HELD AT EACH SEAT OF THE DISTRICT COURT*

1972 Calendar Year

	Civil	Criminal	Total
<u>1ST DISTRICT (2 Judges)</u>			
Camden—Camden	1	12	13
Chowan—Edenton	11	39	50
Currituck—Currituck	5½	20	25½
Dare—Manteo	1	27½	28½
Gates—Gatesville	1½	15	16½
Pasquotank—Elizabeth City	9	38	47
Perquimans—Hertford	4	13	17
TOTAL	33	164½	197½
<u>2ND DISTRICT (2 Judges)</u>			
Beaufort—Washington	23½	91½	115
Hyde—Swan Quarter	3	15	18
Martin—Williamston	24½	58½	83
Tyrrell—Columbia	1	12	13
Washington—Plymouth	8	33½	41½
TOTAL	60	210½	270½
<u>3RD DISTRICT (4 Judges)</u>			
Carteret—Beaufort	46	92½	138½
Craven—New Bern	86½	164	250½
Pamlico—Bayboro	5½	21½	27
Pitt—Greenville	75	169½	244½
Farmville	0	25	25
Ayden	0	22	22
TOTAL	213	494½	707½
<u>4TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</u>			
Duplin—Kenansville	23½	82½	106
Jones—Trenton	4½	15	19½
Onslow—Jacksonville	52	290½	342½
Sampson—Clinton	31	88	119
TOTAL	111	476	587
<u>5TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</u>			
New Hanover—Wilmington	132	287½	419½
Pender—Burgaw	19½	41	60½
TOTAL	151½	328½	480
<u>6TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</u>			
Bertie—Windsor	7½	39½	47
Halifax—Halifax	22	87½	109½
Roanoke Rapids	0	35	35
Hertford—Winton	16	40½	56½
Northampton—Jackson	8	37	45
TOTAL	53½	239½	293
<u>7TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</u>			
Edgecombe—Tarboro	17	66	83
Rocky Mount	8½	68½	77
Nash—Nashville	49	73½	122½
Wilson—Wilson	34	102	136
TOTAL	108½	310	418½

* All days of court at each seat were not necessarily held by a judge assigned to the designated judicial district. In 1972 District Court Judges held a total of 248 days of court in judicial districts other than their own. A day of court is defined as at least a two hour session before lunch and at least a two hour session after lunch. Juvenile and domestic relations cases are counted as civil court.

	Civil	Criminal	Total
8TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)			
Greene—Snow Hill	7½	27	34½
Lenoir—Kinston	45½	160	205½
Wayne—Goldsboro	97½	140½	238
Mount Olive	0	20½	20½
TOTAL	150½	348	498½
9TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)			
Franklin—Louisburg	10	42½	52½
Granville—Oxford	21	47½	68½
Person—Roxboro	13½	48	61½
Vance—Henderson	7	66	73
Warren—Warrenton	4	29½	33½
TOTAL	55½	233½	289
10TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)			
Wake—Raleigh	312	673	985
Fuquay-Varina	0	24½	24½
Wendell	0	24½	24½
TOTAL	312	722	1,034
11TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)			
Harnett—Lillington	54½	100	154½
Dunn	0	42	42
Johnston—Smithfield	46½	73½	120
Benson	1	39½	40½
Selma	0	28	28
Lee—Sanford	17½	112½	130
TOTAL	119½	395½	515
12TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)			
Cumberland—Fayetteville	288½	442	730½
Hoke—Raeford	1	37	38
TOTAL	289½	479	768½
13TH DISTRICT (2 Judges)			
Bladen—Elizabethtown	23	64½	87½
Brunswick—Southport	27	51½	78½
Shallotte	0	33	33
Columbus—Whiteville	58½	95½	154
Tabor City	0	23½	23½
TOTAL	108½	268	376½
14TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)			
Durham—Durham	100½	223½	324
15TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)			
Alamance—Graham	182	159½	341½
Chatham—Pittsboro	23	26	49
Siler City	3½	28½	32
Orange—Hillsborough	50	54	104
Chapel Hill	0	33½	33½
TOTAL	258½	301½	560

<i>16TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</i>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Robeson—Lumberton	126	136	262
Fairmont	0	24½	24½
Maxton	0	41	41
Red Springs	0	28½	28½
Rowland	0	27	27
Saint Pauls	0	31	31
Scotland—Laurinburg	50½	83½	134
TOTAL	176½	371½	548

17TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)

Caswell—Yanceyville	9	40	49
Rockingham—Wentworth	56	0	56
Reidsville	0	82	82
Eden	0	77½	77½
Madison	0	43	43
Stokes—Danbury	12½	45½	58
Surry—Dobson	20½	104	124½
TOTAL	98	392	490

18TH DISTRICT (7 Judges)

Guilford—Greensboro	256	407½	663½
High Point	140	167½	307½
TOTAL	396	575	971

19TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)

Cabarrus—Concord	39	90	129
Kannapolis	½	50	50½
Montgomery—Troy	20½	62	82½
Randolph—Asheboro	57½	94½	152
Rowan—Salisbury	52	126	178
TOTAL	169½	422½	592

20TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)

Anson—Wadesboro	13½	74½	88
Moore—Carthage	27½	50	77½
Southern Pines	0	19	19
Richmond—Rockingham	28½	68	96½
Stanly—Albemarle	30	90½	120½
Union—Monroe	26	84	110
TOTAL	125½	386	511½

21ST DISTRICT (5 Judges)

Forsyth—Winston-Salem	313	349	662
Kernersville	0	12½	12½
TOTAL	313	361½	674½

22ND DISTRICT (4 Judges)

Alexander—Taylorsville	14½	28½	43
Davidson—Lexington	78	84	162
Thomasville	0	54½	54½
Davie—Mocksville	16	27	43
Iredell—Statesville	67	100	167
Mooresville	0	27	27
TOTAL	175½	321	496½

	Civil	Criminal	Total
23RD DISTRICT (2 Judges)			
Alleghany—Sparta	111½	15	261½
Ashe—Jefferson	17	27	44
Wilkes—Wilkesboro	125½	109	234½
Yadkin—Yadkinville	16	44½	60½
TOTAL	170	195½	365½
24TH DISTRICT (2 Judges)			
Avery—Newland	131½	26	391½
Madison—Marshall	8½	19½	28
Mitchell—Bakersville	7½	21½	29
Watauga—Boone	17½	59	76½
Yancey—Burnsville	5½	26	31½
TOTAL	52½	152	204½
25TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)			
Burke—Morganton	49	108	157
Caldwell—Lenoir	61	113½	174½
Catawba—Newton	59	80	139
Hickory	43½	114½	158
TOTAL	212½	416	628½
26TH DISTRICT (7 Judges)			
Mecklenburg—Charlotte	617½	591	1,208½
27TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)			
Cleveland—Shelby	59½	133	192½
Gaston—Gastonia	163	411½	574½
Lincoln—Lincolnton	5½	75	80½
TOTAL	228	619½	847½
28TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)			
Buncombe—Asheville	390½	459½	850
29TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)			
Henderson—Hendersonville	34½	67½	102
McDowell—Marion	16	52½	68½
Polk—Columbus	0	20	20
Rutherford—Rutherfordton	24	64½	88½
Transylvania—Brevard	20	32	52
TOTAL	94½	236½	331
30TH DISTRICT (2 Judges)			
Cherokee—Murphy	2	24½	26½
Clay—Hayesville	0	7½	7½
Graham—Robbinsville	0	13½	13½
Haywood—Waynesville	20½	40½	61
Canton	0	15	15
Jackson—Sylva	6½	21½	28
Macon—Franklin	0	14½	14½
Swain—Bryson City	31	21½	52½
TOTAL	60	158½	218½
Group I	4,401	9,062	13,463
Group II	1,003½	1,790½	2,794
GRAND TOTAL	5,404½	10,852½	16,257

FISCAL OPERATIONS

1971 - 72

The 1971-72 fiscal year is the first such period during which each division of the General Court of Justice has been operational in each of the State's 30 judicial districts. Consequently, both receipts and expenditures increased substantially over the previous fiscal year. The ratio of receipts to expenditures remained approximately the same, with total receipts from court operations exceeding State expenditures by more than 1.4 million dollars.

State Expenditures for the
Judicial Department \$26,362,971.98

State and Local Receipts from
Court Operations \$27,788,940.99

Distribution of Receipts by type and unit of government receiving funds:

Superior and District Court Fees (State)	\$ 8,922,427.46	
Supreme Court Fees (State)	5,697.00	
Court of Appeals Fees (State)	13,858.83	
Sale of Appellate Reports (State)	105,106.04	
Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund (State)	2,161,285.25	
Total State Receipts		\$11,208,374.58
Facilities Fees (Counties)	\$ 1,974,111.54	
Officer Fees (Counties)	1,066,262.21	
Jail Fees (Counties)	438,696.75	
Fines and Forfeitures (Counties)	12,266,154.47	
Total County Receipts		\$15,745,224.97
Facilities Fees (Municipalities)	\$ 132,400.00	
Officer Fees (Municipalities)	637,326.44	
Jail Fees (Municipalities)	65,615.00	
Total Municipal Receipts		\$ 835,341.44
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Of total court receipts, 32.5% or \$9,047,089.33 went into the State General Fund. The balance was distributed to the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund (7.8%) and the counties (56.7%) and municipalities (3.0%) of the State.

Receipts deposited in the State's general fund amounted to 34.3% of the State's expenditures for the Judicial Department. Total State receipts (both general fund and LEOB&RF) equaled 42.5% of Judicial Department expenditures.

The table which follows gives a county by county breakdown of fees distributed to each county and the municipalities within that county.

AMOUNTS OF FEES, FINES AND FORFEITURES COLLECTED AND DISTRIBUTED TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

Fiscal Year 1971-72

County	Facility Fees County	Officer Fees County	Jail Fees County	Fines and Forfeitures County	Facility Fees Municipality	Officer Fees Municipality	Jail Fees Municipality	Total
Alamance	\$ 34,995.50	\$ 17,254.00	\$ 7,189.50	\$ 202,730.34	\$ 0	\$ 12,704.00	\$ 0	\$ 274,873.34
Alexander	7,250.58	4,657.50	1,674.00	32,428.00	0	582.00	0	46,592.08
Alleghany	2,256.00	1,140.00	977.00	10,816.45	0	184.00	0	15,373.45
Anson	10,471.00	6,041.00	4,617.00	57,285.00	0	2,162.00	0	80,576.00
Ashe	3,454.49	2,806.50	827.75	22,830.07	0	158.00	0	30,076.81
Avery	4,784.85	4,461.70	1,514.50	26,835.18	0	90.00	0	37,686.23
Beaufort	14,546.00	11,278.50	2,436.50	77,388.50	0	3,540.00	0	109,189.50
Bertie	7,472.00	6,962.00	1,045.00	41,764.00	0	574.00	27.00	57,844.00
Bladen	10,831.00	10,643.13	4,514.50	83,398.32	1,850.00	804.00	0	112,040.95
Brunswick	146.00	221.00	2,589.20	3,887.00	132.00	112.00	54.00	7,141.20
Buncombe	49,469.00	24,551.40	5,743.00	241,526.80	0	19,120.00	0	340,410.20
Burke	23,319.00	12,189.00	2,319.00	138,237.05	0	4,767.00	6.00	180,837.05
Cabarrus	29,949.00	23,306.39	7,577.00	151,892.55	0	3,283.00	0	216,007.94
Caldwell	25,348.19	15,984.00	7,549.00	163,229.91	8.00	7,591.00	482.00	220,192.10
Camden	1,811.44	1,034.00	138.00	13,251.05	0	0	0	16,234.49
Carteret	13,301.00	7,642.00	1,593.25	91,502.75	0	2,862.00	0	116,901.00
Caswell	7,936.10	6,514.05	2,713.75	55,202.20	0	0	0	72,366.10
Catawba	21,663.00	18,374.50	6,898.00	326,436.19	20,913.00	14,947.00	8,675.00	417,906.69
Chatham	7,327.00	7,721.00	2,589.00	82,005.49	5,348.00	1,846.00	812.00	107,648.49
Cherokee	4,968.50	2,638.25	3,886.00	43,711.34	0	955.00	327.00	56,486.09
Chowan	5,543.00	2,771.00	909.00	45,105.00	0	2,001.00	0	56,329.00
Clay	1,088.00	864.00	453.00	14,168.50	0	6.00	0	16,559.50
Cleveland	26,489.60	16,194.00	11,113.00	214,720.80	0	8,041.00	1,181.00	277,739.40
Columbus	17,815.75	11,884.17	3,771.00	144,769.00	2,868.00	4,800.33	5,308.00	191,216.25
Craven	21,078.00	10,654.51	4,506.00	115,956.08	0	5,063.00	63.00	157,320.59
Cumberland	52,367.30	34,453.00	19,542.00	752,087.89	14,281.00	16,951.00	0	889,682.19
Currituck	3,241.50	2,460.00	605.00	25,453.00	0	0	0	31,759.50

County	Facility Fees County	Officer Fees County	Jail Fees County	Fines and Forfeitures County	Facility Fees Municipality	Officer Fees Municipality	Jail Fees Municipality	Total
Dare	6,057.00	3,446.00	1,012.00	69,660.00	0	751.00	0	80,926.00
Davidson	27,252.00	20,140.00	6,855.80	232,280.36	5,252.00	4,746.50	285.00	296,811.66
Davie	9,466.50	7,008.00	1,109.00	60,530.20	0	966.00	0	79,079.70
Duplin	17,769.00	11,191.37	1,514.37	109,349.25	0	2,492.00	3,411.00	145,726.99
Durham	61,564.50	18,042.00	9,172.00	316,571.69	0	23,391.00	0	428,741.19
Edgecombe	14,879.00	13,502.81	6,160.00	88,510.62	5,636.00	6,112.00	1,656.00	136,456.43
Forsyth	97,931.00	18,431.25	11,242.00	370,159.89	1,659.00	60,750.90	0	560,174.04
Franklin	11,988.00	6,591.00	1,675.80	60,266.00	0	1,836.00	757.00	83,113.80
Gaston	57,526.00	29,883.00	16,448.00	329,590.07	0	17,611.00	300.00	451,358.07
Gates	3,183.00	2,615.50	552.00	19,967.00	0	0	0	26,317.50
Graham	2,365.24	1,544.00	741.00	18,193.00	0	196.00	0	23,039.24
Granville	12,101.00	7,160.50	3,618.00	102,900.00	2.00	2,074.00	753.00	128,608.50
Greene	5,247.00	3,967.00	1,128.00	35,996.00	0	332.00	0	46,670.00
Guilford	171,167.50	41,564.26	31,952.50	561,522.52	0	92,874.00	0	899,080.78
Halifax	16,241.03	14,155.50	3,702.91	169,645.60	3,652.00	4,486.00	4,454.00	216,337.04
Harnett	15,571.29	11,644.00	2,448.50	116,124.57	5,715.00	4,136.00	3,349.00	158,988.36
Haywood	9,330.00	8,854.00	3,331.00	88,136.00	1,426.00	3,036.00	390.00	114,503.00
Henderson	13,467.50	9,629.83	3,584.40	72,652.15	304.00	2,000.00	0	101,637.88
Hertford	8,531.00	5,246.43	1,312.00	51,832.14	0	2,047.00	146.00	69,114.57
Hoke	7,632.00	5,695.00	2,881.00	78,835.56	0	586.00	0	95,629.56
Hyde	1,976.50	1,457.00	522.00	18,434.94	0	0	0	22,390.44
Iredell	30,014.50	17,800.50	9,290.80	216,994.70	3,106.00	5,797.00	1,260.00	284,263.50
Jackson	5,803.00	5,030.00	3,707.00	59,405.22	0	0	0	73,945.22
Johnston	23,843.00	19,015.00	6,923.50	187,912.00	4,644.00	5,446.00	3,473.00	251,256.50
Jones	2,820.00	2,300.00	882.00	12,521.50	0	94.00	0	18,617.50
Lee	15,197.00	10,183.94	7,327.36	81,898.77	0	4,191.00	0	118,798.07
Lenoir	28,214.00	14,835.00	5,868.00	176,371.13	0	5,798.00	3,463.00	234,549.13
Lincoln	12,247.00	10,976.00	3,937.69	94,341.55	0	723.00	0	122,225.24
Macon	4,386.00	3,081.00	1,752.00	36,237.00	0	864.00	45.00	46,365.00
Madison	2,926.00	2,660.00	525.00	12,044.00	0	0	0	18,155.00
Martin	12,116.00	9,096.00	1,193.00	67,899.05	0	1,633.00	0	91,937.05
McDowell	10,289.30	7,002.65	4,456.80	79,723.52	0	900.00	20.00	102,392.27

County	Facility Fees County	Officer Fees County	Jail Fees County	Fines and Forfeitures County	Facility Fees Municipality	Officer Fees Municipality	Jail Fees Municipality	Total
Mecklenburg	154,250.00	29,646.00	1,441.00	807,960.87	0	66,038.50	0	1,059,336.37
Mitchell	3,542.00	3,232.50	1,544.00	16,351.00	0	772.00	0	25,431.50
Montgomery	10,454.76	8,949.00	2,807.25	56,622.00	0	1,216.00	0	80,049.01
Moore	13,260.00	10,936.00	3,631.20	124,259.99	2,697.00	3,023.00	2,955.00	160,762.19
Nash	16,640.00	19,076.02	4,779.00	141,499.53	10,679.00	6,841.00	1,912.00	201,426.55
New Hanover	42,126.00	13,147.00	9,661.00	225,552.00	0	17,573.00	726.00	308,785.00
Northampton	5,555.00	4,507.80	1,782.00	39,995.50	0	476.00	0	53,041.30
Onslow	33,959.00	17,938.00	11,787.00	250,151.60	0	9,525.00	0	323,355.60
Orange	12,499.92	10,385.53	1,353.00	110,667.69	4,543.00	4,889.00	765.00	145,103.14
Pamlico	2,481.00	2,264.00	412.25	11,384.60	0	0	0	16,541.85
Pasquotank	9,653.00	3,831.00	964.00	74,232.50	0	2,020.00	0	90,750.50
Pender	8,074.00	5,938.50	2,515.20	54,576.75	0	942.00	0	72,046.45
Perquimans	2,745.73	1,856.00	534.00	22,257.68	0	170.00	0	27,563.41
Person	10,174.00	4,059.00	2,337.00	96,539.00	2,374.00	4,438.00	0	119,921.00
Pitt	24,786.00	12,456.00	7,487.50	147,214.04	5,912.00	9,831.00	2,625.00	210,311.54
Polk	3,260.00	2,770.00	2,549.08	27,706.05	0	148.00	0	36,433.13
Randolph	27,887.00	28,464.76	3,909.50	173,551.28	0	4,127.93	96.00	238,036.47
Richmond	15,170.00	10,813.75	3,844.20	107,509.10	0	2,831.00	1,298.00	141,466.05
Robeson	27,409.48	24,167.50	7,597.00	302,284.48	11,487.00	6,627.00	6,335.00	385,907.46
Rockingham	18,643.00	17,801.35	990.00	146,516.55	13,624.00	12,023.25	3,171.00	212,769.15
Rowan	28,111.00	22,354.00	5,182.30	187,362.53	0	5,926.50	0	248,836.33
Rutherford	15,344.15	9,774.54	6,694.00	76,259.10	0	2,218.00	309.00	110,598.79
Sampson	16,842.00	13,114.50	3,939.00	124,891.35	0	1,916.00	69.00	160,771.85
Scotland	11,669.00	8,500.00	5,708.00	107,345.00	0	1,939.00	0	135,161.00
Stanly	17,894.00	8,010.00	3,804.00	106,577.45	0	3,402.00	0	139,677.45
Stokes	7,797.25	6,014.00	2,166.80	38,762.75	0	526.00	0	55,266.80
Surry	23,499.50	19,945.95	2,267.00	131,230.81	0	5,822.00	2,052.00	184,807.26
Swain	3,831.00	2,800.00	4,284.00	36,735.90	14.00	410.00	0	48,074.90
Transylvania	5,110.00	3,791.92	3,914.00	29,270.15	0	690.00	0	42,776.07
Tyrrell	1,135.00	2,222.03	81.00	9,631.69	0	0	0	13,069.72
Union	18,905.00	11,295.00	7,094.00	111,537.64	0	2,979.00	3.00	151,813.64
Vance	16,094.80	7,051.00	5,074.00	79,110.30	0	3,927.00	0	111,257.10

County	Facility Fees County	Officer Fees County	Jail Fees County	Fines and Forfeitures County	Facility Fees Municipality	Officer Fees Municipality	Jail Fees Municipality	Total
Wake	130,619.05	42,459.05	19,867.85	562,783.72	3,532.00	65,727.28	1,867.00	826,855.95
Warren	6,327.74	4,566.00	3,179.88	34,610.65	0	753.00	0	49,437.27
Washington	4,517.00	2,866.00	511.00	28,484.30	0	1,200.00	0	37,578.30
Watauga	6,756.00	5,573.00	2,931.36	50,822.00	0	1,000.00	0	67,082.36
Wayne	37,385.00	18,168.62	8,950.00	172,128.00	742.00	8,913.00	636.00	246,922.62
Wilkes	16,204.50	9,881.91	4,472.00	68,205.07	0	1,137.50	0	99,900.98
Wilson	24,674.00	17,374.75	6,226.00	140,835.66	0	5,085.75	99.00	194,295.16
Yadkin	6,991.00	6,249.30	1,681.00	37,008.10	0	900.00	0	52,829.40
Yancey	3,840.00	3,521.79	1,909.00	20,615.63	0	330.00	0	30,216.42
TOTALS	\$1,974,111.54	\$1,066,262.21	\$438,696.75	\$12,266,154.47	\$132,400.00	\$637,326.44	\$ 65,615.00	\$16,580,566.41

REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENTS

Private counsel are appointed to represent indigent defendants in 28 of the State's judicial districts. In the 12th and 18th judicial districts (Cumberland, Hoke, and Guilford Counties) indigents are normally represented by the public defender's office. The costs of this program rose from \$1,626,355.38 in the 1970-71 fiscal year to \$1,962,719.59 in the 1971-72 fiscal year, an increase of 20.7%. The program constituted 7.4% of total Judicial Department expenditures in both 1970-71 and 1971-72. The costs of the program in 1971-72 are summarized as follows:

Assigned Counsel in Criminal Cases	\$ 1,556,631.72	
Assigned Counsel in Juvenile Cases	99,204.78	
Total		\$ 1,655,836.50
Public Defender's Office in		
12th Judicial District	90,863.53	
Public Defender's Office in		
18th Judicial District	101,780.09	
Total		\$ 192,643.62
Transcripts, Records and Briefs		112,544.47
Expert Witness Fees		1,695.00
TOTAL		\$ 1,962,719.59

The table at the end of this section compares the assigned counsel program in 1970-71 and 1971-72. The number of cases assigned rose from 9,179 to 11,278 or 22.9% and expenditures rose from \$1,405,413 to \$1,655,837 or 17.8%. Of the 11,278 assignments in 1971-72, 1,660 or 14.7% were in juvenile proceedings.

Court appearances represent only a portion of the activity of the public defenders, but the numbers do reflect the high level of activity in both of these offices:

1972 Court Appearances

	12th District	18th District
District Court	678	1,254
Superior Court	404	591
Appellate Courts	17	15

The total cost of providing counsel to indigents in the two districts with public defenders was as follows:

	12th District	18th District
Public Defender	90,864	101,780
Assigned Counsel	13,935	10,008
	<u>104,799</u>	<u>111,788</u>

It is instructive to compare these costs with the costs of the program in other urban areas: 10th District (Wake) \$160,559; 14th District (Durham) \$100,451; 21st District (Forsyth) \$77,685; and 26th District (Mecklenburg) \$222,343. These amounts

include payments for transcripts, records, briefs, and expert witnesses as well as payments to assigned counsel.

When private counsel or the public defender is assigned to represent an indigent, the court sets the money value of services rendered and enters judgment against the defendant for such amount. Receipts from payments on these judgments rose from \$37,692.73 in 1970-71 to \$57,624.79 in 1971-72. Receipts in 1971-72 amounted to 2.9% of the total cost of the indigent defendant program.

ASSIGNED COUNSEL

Cases and Expenditures

	CASES		EXPENDITURES		Percent Increase
	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72	
<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>					
Camden	4	8	1,036	2,199	112.3
Chowan	30	20	3,814	3,760	(1.4)
Currituck	4	9	300	820	173.3
Dare	7	15	1,261	1,570	24.5
Gates	4	9	525	905	72.4
Pasquotank	41	59	6,288	6,255	(.5)
Perquimans	4	10	350	1,285	267.1
TOTAL	94	130	13,574	16,794	23.7
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>					
Beaufort	65	97	7,940	14,743	85.7
Hyde	4	6	350	825	135.7
Martin	52	43	8,870	5,940	(33.0)
Tyrrell	10	13	1,310	1,310	—
Washington	14	42	1,095	3,770	244.3
TOTAL	145	201	19,565	26,588	35.9
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>					
Carteret	68	71	8,435	10,908	29.3
Craven	137	208	17,435	34,684	98.9
Pamlico	7	9	840	975	16.1
Pitt	211	285	34,987	42,607	21.8
TOTAL	423	573	61,697	89,174	44.5
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>					
Duplin	38	90	6,625	12,546	89.4
Jones	8	21	1,203	2,430	102.0
Onslow	97	166	14,050	17,925	27.6
Sampson	66	104	8,800	15,231	73.1
TOTAL	209	381	30,678	48,132	56.9
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>					
New Hanover	244	205	24,396	34,370	40.9
Pender	38	14	4,378	1,775	(59.5)
TOTAL	282	219	28,774	36,145	25.6

	CASES		EXPENDITURES		Percent Increase
	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72	
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>					
Bertie	22	34	2,350	4,950	110.6
Halifax	125	108	15,528	10,750	(30.8)
Hertford	27	34	2,445	3,679	50.5
Northampton	30	41	4,207	6,255	48.9
TOTAL	204	217	24,530	25,634	4.5
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>					
Edgecombe	112	128	17,452	15,790	(9.5)
Nash	121	107	25,241	17,951	(28.9)
Wilson	155	167	23,143	20,234	(12.6)
TOTAL	388	402	65,836	53,975	(18.0)
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>					
Greene	16	12	1,130	1,860	64.6
Lenoir	99	93	13,185	12,185	(7.6)
Wayne	210	196	24,578	21,885	(11.0)
TOTAL	325	301	38,893	35,930	(7.6)
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>					
Franklin	76	40	15,353	6,730	(56.2)
Granville	48	67	7,355	8,648	17.6
Person	54	51	7,835	8,435	7.7
Vance	101	59	12,205	8,964	(26.6)
Warren	17	34	2,841	6,560	130.9
TOTAL	296	251	45,589	39,336	(13.7)
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>					
Wake	578	1,119	87,271	146,492	67.9
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>					
Harnett	50	91	8,493	11,685	37.6
Johnston	82	109	17,625	18,564	5.3
Lee	37	87	5,750	13,375	132.6
TOTAL	169	287	31,868	43,624	36.9
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>					
Cumberland	64	37	17,670	12,160	(31.2)
Hoke	3	10	800	1,775	121.9
TOTAL	67	47	18,470	13,935	(24.6)
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>					
Bladen	69	80	11,335	11,114	(1.9)
Brunswick	17	34	4,775	5,340	11.8
Columbus	82	69	10,902	13,180	20.9
TOTAL	168	183	27,012	29,634	9.7
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>					
Durham	572	606	92,182	95,664	3.8
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>					
Alamance	126	121	17,950	26,818	49.4
Chatham	35	46	3,980	6,475	62.7
Orange	116	122	20,408	23,653	15.9
TOTAL	277	289	42,338	56,946	34.5

	CASES		EXPENDITURES		Percent Increase
	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72	
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>					
Robeson	213	223	32,371	37,663	16.3
Scotland	127	105	14,588	11,585	(20.6)
TOTAL	340	328	46,959	49,248	4.9
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>					
Caswell	41	38	6,124	5,927	(3.2)
Rockingham	180	149	28,148	25,184	(10.5)
Stokes	10	21	1,050	3,875	269.0
Surry	47	88	8,486	13,425	58.2
TOTAL	278	296	43,808	48,411	10.5
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>					
Guilford	65	39	20,280	10,008	(50.7)
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>					
Cabarrus	157	222	16,675	27,345	64.0
Montgomery	35	88	3,265	12,000	267.5
Randolph	72	119	7,755	16,785	116.4
Rowan	126	215	17,053	21,570	26.5
TOTAL	390	644	44,748	77,700	73.6
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>					
Anson	53	58	6,205	11,275	81.7
Moore	54	101	6,810	11,365	66.9
Richmond	122	138	14,368	15,680	9.1
Stanly	84	110	15,165	17,463	15.2
Union	79	100	11,390	14,165	24.4
TOTAL	392	507	53,938	69,948	29.7
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>					
Forsyth	329	368	64,369	70,416	9.4
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>					
Alexander	15	47	1,430	5,600	291.6
Davidson	127	155	25,481	32,939	29.3
Davie	18	34	3,435	4,350	26.6
Iredell	88	126	11,553	22,903	98.2
TOTAL	248	362	41,899	65,792	57.0
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>					
Alleghany	10	7	1,125	1,350	20.0
Ashe	21	20	2,375	3,925	65.3
Wilkes	70	83	11,620	10,525	(9.4)
Yadkin	23	12	4,745	2,050	(56.8)
TOTAL	124	122	19,865	17,850	(10.1)
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>					
Avery	21	15	2,400	1,515	(36.9)
Madison	39	27	5,995	2,925	(51.2)
Mitchell	16	13	3,050	1,255	(58.9)
Watauga	29	63	4,500	5,917	31.5
Yancey	12	9	1,175	1,150	(2.1)
TOTAL	117	127	17,120	12,762	(25.5)

	CASES		EXPENDITURES		Percent Increase
	1970-71	1971-72	1970-71	1971-72	
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>					
Burke	104	126	15,763	20,030	27.1
Caldwell	122	121	23,359	20,540	(12.1)
Catawba	193	175	34,289	27,000	(21.3)
TOTAL	419	422	73,411	67,570	(8.0)
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>					
Mecklenburg	953	1,355	174,808	210,742	20.6
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>					
Cleveland	138	149	20,635	22,810	10.5
Gaston	303	264	45,666	51,852	13.5
Lincoln	47	66	6,285	8,480	34.9
TOTAL	488	479	72,586	83,142	14.5
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>					
Buncombe	431	616	50,673	64,720	27.7
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>					
Henderson	100	74	10,037	10,155	1.2
McDowell	28	37	2,545	4,735	86.1
Polk	15	13	2,360	2,617	10.9
Rutherford	63	61	8,736	7,426	(15.0)
Transylvania	29	25	4,215	3,285	(22.1)
TOTAL	235	210	27,893	28,217	1.2
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>					
Cherokee	13	57	2,350	5,975	154.3
Clay	1	6	75	320	326.7
Graham	3	0	550	0	—
Haywood	89	59	11,655	7,105	(39.0)
Jackson	32	36	5,040	4,272	(15.2)
Macon	14	21	2,175	2,105	(3.2)
Swain	21	18	2,940	1,525	(48.1)
TOTAL	173	197	24,785	21,302	(14.1)
GRAND TOTAL	9,179	11,278	\$1,405,413	\$1,655,837	17.8

TABLE I

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1972

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Trial Judges of the General Court of Justice
Superior Court Division *

District	Judge	City
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2	Elbert S. Peel, Jr.	Williamston
3	Robert D. Rouse, Jr.	Farmville
4	Russell J. Lanier	Beulaville
5	Bradford Tillery	Wilmington
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6	Perry Martin	Rich Square
7	George M. Fountain	Tarboro
8	Albert W. Cowper	Kinston
9	Hamilton H. Hobgood	Louisburg
10	James H. Pou Bailey	Raleigh
	Donald L. Smith	Cary
11	Harry E. Canaday	Benson
12	E. Maurice Braswell	Fayetteville
	Coy E. Brewer	Fayetteville
13	Edward B. Clark	Elizabethtown
14	Clarence W. Hall	Durham
15	D. Marsh McLelland	Burlington
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18	Walter E. Crissman	High Point
	James G. Exum, Jr.	Greensboro
	Charles T. Kivett	Greensboro
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	William H. Andrews	Jacksonville
	Grady Mercer, Jr.	Beulaville
	William G. King	Clinton
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	James C. King	Wilmington
	James T. Stroud, Jr.	Wilmington
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